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The entry proper should read as follows:--- " And the Committee further recommend, that the aforesaid " form of prayer be read by Mr. Speaker in the language most familiar to him "

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

The House having met;

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber:—

The House attended accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that he had received from the Hon. Mr. Justice *Wilson*, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to *The Dominion Controverted Elections Act*, 1874, a Certificate relating to the Election for the Electoral District of the County of Glengarry.

And the same was read as follows:—

GLENGARRY CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

TORONTO, July 8th, 1876.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada:—

SIR,—In pursuance of the Statute in that behalf, I have the honor to certify to you that, on the twenty-fifth day of January last, the Petition of *Ronald McDonald* against the Election and Return of *Archibald McNab*, as a Member for the County of Glengarry in the House of Commons came on to be heard before me in the Village of Alexandria in due form of law and was adjourned from time to time until the twenty-sixth day of June last when judgment was delivered, and I have determined that the said Election was void, and that the said *Archibald McNab* was not duly elected and I now certify such determination to you.

And further there was not proved before me that any corrupt practice was committed by or with the knowledge and consent of either of the Candidates at said Election.

That *Allan Ban McDonald* and *John Angus McDonald* have been proved to have been guilty of corrupt practices at the said Election.

That corrupt practices have not nor is there any reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said Election.

ADAM WILSON,
J.

And the said Certificate was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Chapter 10, 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.

Mr. Speaker further informed The House, that he had received the following notifications of vacancies which had occurred in the representation, viz:—

Of *Thomas Scatcherd*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Middlesex, by decease.

Of *David Stirton*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington, by resignation.

Of *Adam Gordon*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario, by decease.

Of the Hon. *Malcolm Cameron*, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario, by decease.

Of *Barclay E. Tremain*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Victoria (N.S.), by acceptance of the office of County Judge in Cape Breton.

Of *Christian Henry Pozer*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Beauce, by resignation.

Of the Hon. *David Mills*, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bothwell, by acceptance of the office of Minister of the Interior.

Of the Hon. *David Laird*, Member for the Electoral District of Queen's County District (P.E.I.) by acceptance of the office of Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories.

Of the Hon. *Rodolphe Laflamme*, Member of the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier, by acceptance of an office of emolument under the Crown.

Of the Hon. *John Hillyard Cameron*, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Cardwell, by decease; and

Of the Hon. *C. A. P. Pelletier*, Member for the Electoral District of Kamouraska, by acceptance of the office of Minister of Agriculture; and that he had issued his several Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out new Writs of Election for the said places, respectively.

Mr. Speaker further informed The House, that during the Recess the Clerk of The House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members, viz. :—

Of *Robert Colin Scatcherd*, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Middlesex.

Of the Hon. *Thomas Nicholson Gibbs*, for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario.

Of *William Henry Gibbs*, Esq., for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario.

Of *Donald Guthrie*, Esq., for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington.

Of *Archibald McNab*, Esq., for the Electoral District of the County of Glengarry.

Of *Charles J. Campbell*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Victoria, (Nova Scotia.)

Of *Joseph Bolduc*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Beauce.

Of the Hon. *David Mills*, for the Electoral District of the County of Bothwell.

Of the Hon. *James Colledge Pope*, for the Electoral District of Queen's County District, (P.E.I.)

Of the Hon. *Rodolphe Laflamme*, for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier; and

Of *Dalton McCarthy*, Esq., for the Electoral District of the County of Cardwell.

The following Members having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took their seats in The House, viz:—

Robert Colin Scatcherd, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Middlesex,—Hon. *Thomas Nicholson Gibbs*, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario,—*William Henry Gibbs*, Esq, Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Ontario,—*Donald Guthrie*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington,—*Archibald McNab*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the County of Glengarry,—*Charles J. Campbell*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Victoria (N.S.),—*Joseph Bolduc*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Beauce,—Hon. *David Mills*, Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bothwell,—Hon. *James Colledge Pope*, Member for the Electoral District of Queen's County District (P.E.I.),—and Hon. *Rodolphe Laflamme*, Member for the Electoral District of Jacques Cartier.

Mr. *Mackenzie* introduced a Bill (No. 1.) respecting the administration of Oaths of Office—which was read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech, and read a copy thereof to The House; which is as follows:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I am glad to be again enabled to summon you to meet for the despatch of business, at the time which has been considered best suited to the convenience of members.

During the recess I visited the Province of British Columbia, and had much satisfaction in becoming acquainted with the people of that interesting part of the Dominion, and with the climate and resources of their Province.

The surveys of the Pacific Railway have been prosecuted with the utmost vigour and at a larger cost during the past than in any previous year, but it has not been found possible, as yet, to complete the location of the line, and I have consequently been obliged to postpone the inviting of tenders for its construction on the terms indicated by the Act of 1874.

A further correspondence on the subjects at issue between my Government and British Columbia will be laid before you.

During the recent suspension of the Extradition arrangements with the United States I took care that the importance to Canada of a speedy resumption of these arrangements should be represented to Her Majesty's Government, whose attention has been further invited to the expediency of largely extending the provisions of the existing Treaty.

I am glad to be able to state that while the operation of the Treaty has been resumed, negotiations are in progress for a convention more liberal and better suited to the circumstances of the two countries.

The attention of my Government having been directed to some anomalies in the Royal Commission, and Royal Instructions to the Governor-General, particularly with regard to the exercise of the Prerogative of Pardon, steps have been taken towards the amendment of these instruments.

Papers on this subject, as well as on that of the Extradition question, will be laid before you.

The great public works connected with the St. Lawrence navigation, and the canals required to complete the system, have been prosecuted with success during the past year.

Nearly all the works on the Welland and Lachine Canals have been placed under contract on terms favourable to the country.

The active prosecution of these works during the last three years has necessarily increased the public debt, and, though expectations are entertained that the outlay may ultimately be repaid to the country, it may be considered advisable not to press all the works, contemplated in the earlier years of Confederation, to completion at present.

I am happy to state that the Intercolonial Railway was opened for traffic, throughout its entire length, early in the summer, with as favourable results as could have been expected.

One of the immediate advantages of the completion of the Railway was the delivery and reception of the British Mails at Halifax after the closing of the St. Lawrence; and I am happy to say that up to the present time mails and passengers have been successfully carried over the lines without any interruption.

The exhibition of Canadian products, manufactures, and works of art at the United States National Exposition at Philadelphia, was eminently successful, and proclaimed to the world that Canada has already taken a high place as a farming, manufacturing and mining country.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the expenditure was kept well within the estimate.

It is but just that I should acknowledge that the success achieved by the enterprise of our people was largely aided by the energy and wisdom of the Commissioners who had charge of the arrangements.

I have considered it advisable in the interest of the country to make arrangements for exhibiting Canadian products at the Exhibition to be held at Sydney, New South Wales, for which you will be asked to make provision.

Notwithstanding the loss of revenue, consequent chiefly on the diminution of our importations, the reductions effected during the current year have gone far to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure, though great economy will be still needful to attain this object.

I regret that I am still unable to announce any progress in obtaining a settlement of the Fishery claims under the Washington Treaty, though my Government has made every effort to secure that result.

My Commissioners have made further Treaty arrangements with certain of the Indian tribes of th North-West Territories, by which their title is extinguished to a very large portion of the territories we of Treaty No. 4; and although some of the provisions of this Treaty are of a somewhat onerous and exceptional character, I have thought it, nevertheless, advisable, on the whole, to ratify it. Thi be placed bfore you. I have made an engagement to negotiate a Treaty with the remaining tr the Rocky Mountains.

The expenditure incurred by the Indian Treaties is undoubtedly large, but the Canadian policy is, nevertheless, the cheapest, ultimately, if we compare the results with those of other countries; and it is, above all, a humane, just and Christian policy.

Notwithstanding the deplorable war waged between the Indian tribes in the United States territories, and the Government of that country, during the last year, no difficulty has arisen with the Canadian tribes living in the immediate vicinity of the scene of hostilities.

You will be asked to consider the expediency of making such changes in the Joint Stock Companies' Act as may obviate for the future the passage of special Acts of Parliament for the incorporation of various classes of Companies, including such corporations as seek to engage in the borrowing and lending of money, by providing for their organization by Letters Patent.

The desirability of affording additional security to policy-holders of Life Assurance Companies has engaged the attention of my Government, and I trust that the measure which will be submitted will accomplish the desired object.

A measure will be submitted to you for the purpose of extending to the navigation of the great inland waters, rights and remedies at present confined to waters within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty.

You will be asked to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Customs.

I have considered it advisable to provide for the permanent prosecution of the Geological Survey, which has heretofore been carried on under temporary enactments, and to make this a distinct branch of the Civil Service; your attention will be invited to a Bill for that purpose.

Measures will be submitted also for the amendment of the Weights and Measures Act, the Excise laws, and other Acts, and also a Bill relating to Shipping.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The accounts of the past year will be laid before you.

The Estimates for the next financial year will also be submitted, and will, I trust, be found to be framed with a view to meet the existing circumstances of the country, while at the same time, providing for carrying on the administration of affairs with efficiency.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I place full reliance on your prudence and ability, and your devotion to the work of legislation, which, I trust, may be carried on and completed in such a way as to minister to the prosperity of the country, and the unity of the people.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, His Excellency's Speech was ordered to be taken into consideration, to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Votes and Proceedings of The House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9. On Immigration and Colonization,—which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by The House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. *Mackenzie* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—General Report of the Minister of Public Works, for the fiscal year, ending the 30th June, 1876.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—the Report of the Librarian of the House of Commons, on the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as follows:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLE

The Report of the Librarian of Parliament, Respectfully Sheweth:—

It is with much satisfaction that your Libarian reports that the transfer of the Library of Parliament, to the beautiful building erected for its reception, has at length taken place. Owing to the time required for the completion of the interior fittings, it was not until the middle of the month of October that the removal commenced. The labour involved in re-arranging and classifying a collection of such magnitude, within such a short period, has been very considerable; and much still remains to be done before the work is properly completed.

At the outset, a formidable difficulty presented itself. It was found that the new Chamber was wholly inadequate, in its dimensions and apportionment, to contain the number of Volumes proposed to be placed therein. Up to the time when this was ascertained, it had been taken for granted that the new Building was capable of holding at least One hundred thousand Volumes: agreeably to the original intentions of the Government, in its construction, and in conformity with the directions given to the superintending Architect.

So far back as the 14th May, 1859, when the erection of Parliament Buildings in Ottawa was first determined upon, the undersigned submitted to the Board of Works a Memorandum, specifying the nature and extent of the accommodation required for the Library.

This Memorandum pointed out that the Library premises should include "one large apartment, with three tiers of light iron galleries," capable of containing 200,000 volumes. Likewise rooms, to be grouped around the central Chamber, for the exhibition of Maps and Pictures, for offices, for private study, and for necessary uses in the administration of a large and growing department. Full particulars as to the size and disposition of these rooms were embodied in this Memorandum; including the exact number of feet of shelving required for the number of volumes which, it was estimated that the Library would hereafter contain. By this calculation it was shewn that at least 25,000 feet of shelving would be needed to hold 200,000 volumes, of the average size.

This Memorandum was approved by the Board of Works; and printed copies of it were sent to all competing Architects, with instructions to prepare their plans in strict conformity thereto. The plan finally chosen corresponded, in general design, with your Librarian's suggestions, and he was notified by Mr. *Samuel Keefer*, the then Secretary of the Board, that his recommendations on behalf of the Library would be unreservedly carried out.

As the new building approached completion, and it became necessary to prepare for the transfer of the books, your Librarian caused measurements to be made, to ascertain the shelving at his disposal for the various classes and divisions of the Library, when to his surprise and disappointment it was discovered that only about 7,000 feet of shelving had been placed in the Central Room; which accordingly could not contain more than about 56,000 volumes.

It was then too late to make any material alteration in the fitting up of this Chamber; and under these circumstances he was compelled to alter all his intended arrangements for the classification of the Books, and in respect to the use to which it had been proposed to apply the various Apartments surrounding the Library, and to devote every available foot of space for shelves. This has been successfully accomplished, and not only has sufficient space been obtained for the immediate wants of the Library; but also for its probable increase for some two or three years to come. To effect this, however, it was indispensable to retain the Gallery over the old Library, for the deposit of Books, and to abandon the attempt to set apart a special room for the exhibition and consultation of Maps: a loss which will be increasingly felt until it can be remedied.

Upon a careful review of the case, a plan has occurred to your Librarian, by the adoption of which he believes that the great and unexpected loss of space, through the structural deficiency of the New Building would be fully compensated; and a result attained more in accordance with the actual wants of the Library even than the original design.

He would propose that the suite of apartments formerly occupied by the Library, and now assigned for the occupancy of the Supreme Court, should, as speedily as possible, be restored to the use of the Library; and that all the Books needful for reference in connection with Legislation should be placed therein. In other large Libraries, on this Continent, appertaining to Legislative Bodies,—such as the Congressional Library, at Washington, and the New York State Library, at Albany,—separate provision is made for the Law Library. If, in like manner, our large and valuable collections of works, upon legal and legislative subjects could thus be brought into immediate proximity to the Senate and House of Commons, it would greatly conduce to the comfort and convenience of Members, during Session, as it would secure to them quiet rooms for study and research; whilst the General Library would be available for the use and entertainment of all who should be privileged to have access thereto. Such an arrangement, moreover, would afford ample scope for the increase and improvement of the Library, in all its branches; a result which cannot be attained, under present circumstances.

The last annual grant for the purchase of Books has been carefully expended; with special attention to the augmentation of the Law Library. A Supplementary Catalogue of these accessions has been printed for distribution; and a Classified Catalogue of Law Books is in preparation. A large Invoice of Books on French Law, selected or approved by the Judges of the Supreme Court, has just been received, and the Books will shortly be placed upon the shelves.

Lists of Donations to the Library, and of Works received under the Copyright Act, since last year, are hereunto appended.

The number of Volumes in the Library at the last Report was estimated at 79,486. Since then, about 4,397 volumes have been added, making a total of 83,883 volumes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,
Librarian of Parliament.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
8th February, 1877.

(For the Appendix to this Report, see Sessional Papers.)

The House then adjourned.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Irving*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing the general nature and the value of all Manufactured Goods imported into Canada from the United States in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, and stating the dates from which such Returns are begun and ended of said years respectively.

Mr. *Brouse*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has the attention of the Government been called to a notification of the Imperial Board of Trade to the English Agents of the Allan Line of Steamers, that henceforth none of that Company's ships carrying passengers will be allowed to clear at the "Custom House" unless the Surgeons have graduated in one of the Colleges in either England, Ireland or Scotland?

If so; Does such notification carry executive authority?

Also, has the Government taken the necessary action to correct this insult—an insult alike offensive to the Canadian Medical Graduates and the Universities of our Dominion?

Mr. *Barthe*—On Monday next—BILL intituled "An Act to repeal the Insolvency Laws now in force in the Dominion of Canada."

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Monday next—That a Special Committee of Seven Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House.

No. 1.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 40 Victoria, 1877.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Blake* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Honorable, the Minister of Justice, having reference to Penitentiaries.

Mr. *Smith* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Ninth Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, being for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1876;—also, Supplement (No. 1) to the foregoing, being a List of Lights on the Coasts, Rivers and Lakes of the Dominion of Canada, on the 31st December, 1876.

Mr. *Burpee* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1876.

The House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Guthrie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Béchard*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present session; and further to assure His Excellency,—

That we are grateful to His Excellency for having again summoned us to meet for the despatch of business, at the time which is best suited to the convenience of members.

That we have learned with pleasure that during the recess His Excellency visited the Province of British Columbia, and had much satisfaction in becoming acquainted with the people of that interesting part of the Dominion, and with the climate and resources of their Province.

That we thank His Excellency for the information that the surveys of the Pacific Railway have been prosecuted with the utmost vigor and at a larger cost during the past than in any previous year, and that it has not been found possible, as yet, to complete the location of the line, and that His Excellency has consequently been obliged to postpone the inviting of tenders for its construction on the terms indicated by the Act of 1874, and that a further correspondence on the subjects at issue between His Excellency's Government and British Columbia will be laid before us.

That we are glad to learn that during the recent suspension of the Extradition arrangements with the United States, His Excellency took care that the importance to Canada of a speedy resumption of these arrangements should be represented to Her Majesty's Government, whose attention has been further invited to the expediency of largely extending the provisions of the existing Treaty: and to be informed that while the operation of the Treaty has been resumed, negotiations are in progress for a convention, more liberal, and better suited to the circumstances of the two countries.

That we receive with satisfaction the intelligence that the attention of His Excellency's Government having been directed to some anomalies in the Royal Commission and Royal Instructions to the Governor General, particularly with regard to the exercise of the Prerogative of Pardon, steps have been taken towards the amendment of these instruments, and that papers on this subject, as well as on that of the Extradition question will be laid before us.

That we receive with pleasure His Excellency's assurance, that the great public works connected with the St. Lawrence navigation, and the canals required to complete the system, have been prosecuted with success during the past year; and that nearly all the works on the Welland and Lachine Canals have been placed under contract on terms favourable to the country: we recognize the fact that the active prosecution of these works during the last three years has necessarily increased the public debt; and we will give our best consideration to the suggestions of His Excellency, that though expectations are entertained that the outlay may ultimately be repaid to the country, it may be advisable not to press all the works, contemplated in the earlier years of Confederation, to completion at present.

That we are happy to know that the Intercolonial Railway was opened for traffic, throughout its entire length, early in the summer, with as favourable results as could have been expected; and that one of the immediate advantages of the completion of the Railway was the delivery and reception of the British Mails at Halifax after the closing of the St. Lawrence; and that up to the present time mails and passengers have been successfully carried over the line without any interruption.

That we feel with His Excellency that the exhibition of Canadian products, manufactures, and works of art at the United States National Exposition at Philadelphia, was eminently successful, and proclaimed to the world that Canada has already taken a high place as a farming, manufacturing and mining country: that it is gratifying to us to learn that the expenditure was kept well within the estimate; and that we rejoice to know that in His Excellency's view, the success achieved by the enterprise of our people was largely aided by the energy and wisdom of the Commissioners who had charge of the arrangements.

That we agree with His Excellency that it was advisable in the interest of the country to make arrangements for exhibiting Canadian products at the Exhibition to be held at Sydney, New South Wales, and that we shall not fail to give our best consideration to any proposal for a provision for this purpose which may be recommended to us.

That we are glad to receive His Excellency's assurance that notwithstanding the loss of revenue, consequent chiefly on the diminution of our importations, the reductions effected during the current year have gone far to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure; though we are aware that great economy will be still needful to attain this object.

That we share His Excellency's regret that he is still unable to announce any progress in obtaining a settlement of the Fishery claims under the Washington Treaty, notwithstanding the efforts made by His Excellency's Government to secure that result.

That we learn with satisfaction that His Excellency's Commissioners have made further Treaty arrangements with certain of the Indian tribes of the North-West Territories, by which their title is extinguished to a very large portion of the Territories west of Treaty No. 4; and we thank His Excellency for informing us that although some of the provisions of this Treaty are of a somewhat onerous and exceptional character, His Excellency has thought it nevertheless advisable, on the whole, to ratify it, and that this Treaty will be placed before us; and that His Excellency has made an engagement to negotiate a Treaty with the remaining tribes east of the Rocky Mountains.

That we feel with His Excellency that although the expenditure incurred by the Indian Treaties is undoubtedly large, yet that the Canadian policy is nevertheless the cheapest ultimately, if we compare the results with those of other countries; and that it is, above all, a humane, just and Christian policy.

That we rejoice to know that notwithstanding the deplorable war waged between the Indian tribes in the United States territories, and the Government of that country, during the last year, no difficulty has arisen with the Canadian tribes living in the immediate vicinity of the scene of hostilities.

That we shall not fail to consider the expediency of making such changes in the Joint Stock Companies Act as may obviate for the future the passage of special Acts of Parliament for the incorporation of various classes of Companies, including such corporations as seek to engage in the borrowing and lending of money, by providing for their organization by Letters Patent.

That we are well pleased to learn that the desirability of affording additional security to policy holders of Life Assurance Companies has engaged the attention of His Excellency's Government, and that we trust that the measure which will be submitted to us will accomplish the desired object.

That we shall give our attentive consideration to any measure submitted to us for the purpose of extending to the navigation of the great inland waters, rights and remedies at present confined to waters within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, as well as to any measure for amending and consolidating the laws relating to Customs.

That we think, with His Excellency, that it is advisable to provide for the permanent prosecution of the Geological Survey, which has heretofore been carried on under temporary enactments, and to make this a distinct branch of the Civil Service; and that we shall give our best attention to any Bill laid before us for that purpose.

That we shall fully consider any measures submitted to us for the amendment of the Weights and Measures Act, the Excise laws, and other Acts, and also any Bill relating to Shipping.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the accounts of the past year will be laid before us, and that the Estimates of the next financial year which will also be submitted, will, as His Excellency trusts, be found to be framed with a view to meet the existing circumstances of the country, while at the same time, providing for carrying on the administration of affairs with efficiency.

That His Excellency may rest assured that that we shall earnestly endeavour to justify his reliance on our prudence and ability, and our devotion to the work of legislation, which, we trust, may be carried on and completed in such a way as to minister to the prosperity of the country, and the unity of the people.

The first and subsequent paragraphs of the said proposed Address, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, the said Resolution was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Mackenzie*, *Blake*, *Smith* (Westmoreland), *Cauchon*, *Vail*, *Guthrie* and *Béchard*.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, from the said Committee, reported the draft of an Address, and the same being read a second time, was agreed to, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye* of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, etc., etc., etc.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Canada in Parliament asse mbled humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for having again summoned us to meet for the despatch of business, at the time which is best suited to the convenience of members.

We have learned with pleasure that during the recess Your Excellency visited the Province of British Columbia, and had much satisfaction in becoming acquainted with the people of that interesting part of the Dominion, and with the climate and resources of their Province.

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We are glad to learn that during the recent suspension of the Extradition arrangements with the United States, Your Excellency took care that the importance to Canada of a speedy resumption of these arrangements should be represented to Her Majesty's Government, whose attention has been further invited to the expediency of largely extending the provisions of the existing Treaty; and to be informed that while the operation of the Treaty has been resumed, negociations are in progress for a convention, more liberal, and better suited to the circumstances of the two countries.

We receive with satisfaction the intelligence that the attention of Your Excellency's Government having been directed to some anomalies in the Royal Commission and Royal Instructions to the Governor General, particularly with regard to the exercise of the Prerogative of Pardon, steps have been taken towards the amendment of these instruments, and that papers on this subject, as well as on that of the Extradition question, will be laid before us.

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We agree with Your Excellency that it was advisable in the interest of the country to make arrangements for exhibiting Canadian products at the Exhibition to be held at Sydney, New South Wales, and that we shall not fail to give our best consideration to any proposal for a provision for this purpose which may be recommended to us.

We are glad to receive Your Excellency's assurance that notwithstanding the loss of revenue, consequent chiefly on the diminution of our importations, the reductions effected during the current year have gone far to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure; though we are aware that great economy will be still needful to attain this object.

We share Your Excellency's regret that Your Excellency is still unable to announce any progress in obtaining a settlement of the Fishery claims uuder the Washington Treaty, notwithstanding the efforts made by Your Excellency's Government to secure the result.

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Your Excellency may rest assured that we shall earnestly endeavor to justify Your Excellency's reliance on our prudence and ability, and our devotion to the work of Legislation, which, we trust, may be carried on and completed in such a way, as to minister to the prosperity of the country, and the unity of the people.

The said Address was then ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

Resolved, That this House will on Monday next resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will on Monday next resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Currier*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for all correspondence between the Dominion, United States and Imperial Governments respecting the navigation of American canals and rivers; also, any correspondence between the Government and business firms, or individuals, respecting the same.

Mr. *Smith* (Selkirk)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government have considered the claims for compensation put forward by *Charles Wm. Allen, R. A. W. Rolph, Henry Walker*, and other non-commissioned officers and men discharged from the Manitoba Provisional Battalion of Infantry ?

Mr. *Colby*—On Tuesday next—THAT the interests of the country would be promoted by a reduction of the duties on refined Petroleum.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto)—On Monday next—THAT it be an Order of this House that each day, and immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the prayers now read daily in the Senate be read in this Chamber by such Chaplain as the Speaker may appoint for that purpose, and in his absence by the Clerk of the House.

Mr. *D. Ford Jones* (South Leeds)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Orders in Council and all instructions or orders from the Department of Public Works relating to the destruction by force, last July, of the Dam called the Dominion Dam on Devil Lake, in the County of Addington, and for copies of all Reports made by Engineers or any Engineer or Employé of the Government, and of all correspondence relating to the said Dam, its destruction or reconstruction.

Mr. *Béchard*—On Thursday next—That the entry in the Journals of this House, of the 3rd of April, 1876, relating to the Petition of *F. X. A. Biron*, Notary, and others, of the District of Richelieu, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Justice *Loranger*, be now read.

And the said entry being read:—

Mr. *Béchard*—On Thursday next—Will move that a Committtee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. *Masson, Desjardins, Brooks, Jetté, Langlois, Taschereau, Delorme, Irving*, and the mover, to enquire into the administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec ; and that the Petition of *F.X.A. Biron*, Notary, and others, of the said District of Richelieu, complaining of the conduct of the Honorable *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger*, Judge of the Superior Court of the said Province of Quebec, be referred to the said Committee, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time; also that the said Petition of *F. X. A. Biron*, Notary, and others, of the District of Richelieu, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Justice *Loranger*, be printed.

Mr. *Perry*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For copy of contract with Mr. *Sewell* for building the steamer "Northern Light," Report of Inspector and Agent, Telegrams and all other Documents connected with the same; also, correspondence between the Department and the Agent at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and the number of trips made up to date.

Mr. *Cheval*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to amend Section 14 of the "*Act relating to Shipping, and for the Registration, Inspection and Classification thereof*,"—36 Victoria, chapter 128, to wit:—

"14. No ship duly registered under the provisions of the said "*Act respecting the Registration of Inland* "*Vessels*," forming chapter forty-one of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, before the "day on which this Act takes effect, need be registered after that day in pursuance of the provisions of "this Act, except for the purpose of enabling her to proceed to sea as a British ship."

By this section very great injustice is done to vessels built since the passing of the said Act, inasmuch as in the various canals, of two steamboats of the same tonnage, the one only pays 32 cents, while the other is unjustly compelled to pay $1.95 ?

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence in relation to the settlement of the Fishery clauses of the Washington Treaty, between the Government of Canada and that of Great Britain and between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of the United States in relation to the aforesaid subject; also copies of instructions to Sir *A. T. Galt* and correspondence with him upon the same subject.

Mr. *Tupper*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government or any Steamship Company or private individual, touching the qualifications of Surgeons on British Steamers, or other passenger ships sailing to, or from British Ports.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Tuesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For a copy of Mr. *Kingsford's* Report on the Piers at Bay St. Paul, Eboulements and Malbaie, in the Summer of 1876.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For a Return of the number of candidates that have come forward for admission to the Military College at Kingston; how many from each Province, distinguishing those of French origin from the others; how many have been so admitted, how many from each Province, distinguishing those of French origin from the others; also, a copy of the present regulations and a statement of the qualifications required of candidates for such admission.

Mr. *Ross* (East Durham)—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Is it the intention of the Government to repeal the Insolvent Act or to amend the same during the present Session, to make it more satisfactory to the country?

Mr. *Fréchette*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Report of Engineers and other documents concerning the projected Graving Dock for the Harbor of Quebec.

Mr. *Fréchette*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has the Government Chief Engineer made any Report concerning the site of the projected Graving Dock for the Harbor of Quebec?

Mr. *Devlin*—On Wednesday next—Appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into and report upon the expediency of providing some system by which a more equal and just representation of all the electors, minorities as well as majorities, may be secured, and that with this view they be respectfully requested to investigate the system originated by Mr. *Thomas Hare.*

Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton)—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return of all money expended in building a Marine Hospital at Sydney, Cape Breton; the amount of the different tenders for the construction of the said building, with the names of the parties tendering; also, the names of all persons to whom the Government paid directly for work performed on this building, or improvements connected with it; also, the amount paid for superintending the work, and to whom paid; also, the total amount of expenditure to December 31st, 1876; also, correspondence, if any, which led to the transfer of the contract for this building *from the gentleman to whom it was awarded, in the first instance*, to another gentleman.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex)—On Monday next—That a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Young, Dymond, Béchard, Charlton, Tupper, Bowell, Masson, Colby* and the mover, be appointed to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an official report of the Debates of this House during the present Session.

Sir *John Macdonald*—On Monday next—That it be resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is highly important that provision be made without delay for the accurate report in the Debates of this House.

No. 2.

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No. 3.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Account Current of the Accountant of the House of Commons, of the amount received and disbursed by him for Contingencies, from 1st July, 1875, to 1st July, 1876;—with the Auditor's Report.

Also,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of Rimouski, St. Hyacinthe and Gaspé, and in the County of Bonaventure, for the year, 1875.

And also,—List of Stockholders of the Quebec Bank, on the 31st December, 1876, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the London and Ontario Investment Company Limited; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Hon. *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger*, of the Town of Sorel, in the District of Richelieu, one of the Judges of the Superior Court; denying the charges contained in the Petition of *François X. A. Biron*, and others, presented against him in the course of last Session; expressing his desire to undergo an investigation, and his intention of demanding one if the Petition is repeated, and requesting beforehand that he may be heard before The House, in the event of further proceedings being had.

Of the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company Limited; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize and confirm any Acts done by the said Company, under the authority of certain Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; and for other purposes.

Dalton McCarthy, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the County of Cardwell having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in The House.

Mr. *Laflamme* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ended, 30th June, 1876.

Mr. *Barthe* introduced a Bill (No. 2) to repeal the Insolvent Acts now in force in the Dominion of Canada.--Second reading on Thursday next.

Mr. *Cartwright* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Public Accounts of Canada, for the fiscal year ended, 30th June, 1876.

On motion of Mr. *Irving* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper officer, for a Return shewing the general nature and value of all Manufactured Goods imported into Canada from the United States in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, and stating the dates from which such Returns are begun and ended of said years respectively.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Special Committee of seven Members was appointed, to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House on Thursday the 8th instant;—composed of Messrs. *Mackenzie*, Sir *John A. Macdonald*, *Smith* (Westmoreland), *Blake*, *Holton*, *Tupper* and *Masson*.

On motion of Mr. *Currier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency for copies of all correspondence, between the Dominion, United States and Imperial Governments respecting the navigation of American canals and rivers; also, any correspondence between the Government and business firms, or individuals, respecting the same.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto), moved, that it be *Resolved*, That it be an Order of this House, that each day and immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair at three o'clock in the afternoon, the prayers now read daily in the Senate, be read in this Chamber, by such Chaplain, as the Speaker may appoint for that purpose, and in his absence by the Clerk of The House,

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Holton*, adjourned.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all Orders in Council and all instructions or orders from the Department of Public Works relating to the destruction by force, last July, of the Dam called the Dominion Dam, on Devil Lake, in the County of Addington, and for copies of all Reports made by Engineers or any Engineer or Employé of the Government, and of all correspondence relating to the said Dam, its destruction or reconstruction.

On motion of Mr. *Mitchell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence in relation to the settlement of the Fishery clauses of the Washington Treaty, between the Government of Canada and that of Great Britain and between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of the United States in relation to the aforesaid subject.

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On motion of Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton), it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of all money expended in building a Marine Hospital at Sydney, Cape Breton; the amount of the different tenders for the construction of the said building, with the names of the parties tendering; also, the names of all persons to whom the Government paid directly for work performed on this building, or improvements connected with it; also, the amount paid for superintending the work, and to whom paid; also, the total amount of expenditure to December 31st, 1876; also, correspondence, if any, which led to the transfer of the contract for this building *from the gentleman to whom it was awarded, in the first instance*, to another gentleman.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), a Select Committee was appointed, to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session; composed of Messrs. *Ross* (Middlesex), *Oliver*, *Dymond*, *Béchard*, *Charlton*, *Tupper*, *Bowell*, *Desjardins*, and *Colby*.

The House then adjourned.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Flynn*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of transactions from the Department of Inland Revenue to Inspectors in connection with the Weights and Measures Act.

Mr. *Baby*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government during this Session to amend the Criminal Laws of the Dominion and especially the 10th Section of the Statute 32 and 33 Vict. Chap. 20 respecting offences against the person?

Mr. *Sinclair*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government have taken any steps for finding out and establishing the most safe, speedy and practicable route for keeping up regular communication between Prince Edward Island and the Main land during winter, and if not, is it their intention to do so before the opening of navigation?

Mr. *Irving*—On Wednesday next—BILL relating to Procedure and Evidence in Criminal Cases.

Mr. *Wood*—On Thursday next—SELECT COMMITTEE of nine Members to take into consideration the question of Life Assurance as at present conducted in the Dominion of Canada, and of the desirability of establishing a system of Government Life Insurance with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. *Blain*—On Wednesday next—BILL to repeal the Act 37 Vict. Chap. 49 intituled "An Act to authorize Corporations and institutions incorporated without the limits of Conada to lend and invest moneys therein."

Mr. *Brouse*—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—
That some substantial recognition should be given those loyal Volunteers who defended the British Flag during the troubles of 1837 and '38 in this country. And therefore it is the opinion of this House that an area of the Wild Lands of the Dominion should be granted them, not less equal in extent, to that offered to the Immigrant Settler.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to his Excellency the Governor General.—For copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and Her Majesty's Government in relation to Legislation affecting Merchant Shipping;—
Also copies of instructions given to Mr. *William Smith*, Deputy of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on his recent mission to England in connection with the above subject together with all correspondence relating thereto, had between the said Deputy and Her Majesty's Government or any of the officials thereof;—
Also all correspondence had in relation to such mission between the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the said Deputy with the report of the said Deputy in relation to such mission.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for a statement shewing the following particulars in regard to a Main Brick Sewer constructed through the Station yard of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton during the past year.

1. The Parliamentary Authority under which the expenditure was made.
2. Plan shewing the locality, size and extent of the work, and the buildings served thereby.
3. The cubic yards each, of earth and rock excavation; the days' labour and amount expended in making such excavations; the quantity each of stone, bricks, lime and cement used and the amount paid therefor at the place whence received; the amount paid or allowed and charged for transportation; the number of days' labour and amount expended in laying the bricks and stone work; the quantity of material used in covering and the days' labour and amount expended in covering the sewer.
4. The particulars of all other amounts charged as for such Main Sewer.
5. The total cost of the Sewer.
6. The names of the persons from whom, and the places whence, each lot of material was procured, and the amount paid to each person therefor, with the date of payment.
7. The statement to shew how the charges in connection with the sewer have been classified and entered in the Public Accounts.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Statement showing:—

1. The original size and cost, exclusive of heating apparatus, of the brick building at Moncton known as the general offices of the Intercolonial Railway.
2. The size and cost of the additions to such building.
3. The original cost of the heating apparatus and of any additions made during the year of 1876.
4. A plan of each of the four floors of said building as at present arranged, showing the purpose to which each of the rooms is appropriated.
5. The Parliamentary authority for the various expenditures.

6. The names of all persons who may have been employed as Inspectors, Firemen or Supervisors of such work, the time allowed to each and the wages paid them. In case any part of the work was done under contract, the statement to show the fact, the date and amount of the contract and the name of the contractor.

The statement to show the items or particulars of cost, as well as the total amount expended in each case, and the manner in which the expenditures have been classified.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement showing the expenditure incurred during the last two years ending January 31st,1877, for carpets, curtains,dining and bed roomfurniture, fixings, fittings and utensils, linen crockery, china, cutlery, and silver ware ; also for desks, tables, chairs, sofas, lounges, pictures and fittings for the General Offices of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton. The statement to give the name and cost of each item and to include all articles furnished by any department or branch of the Railway service.

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Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement from the proper Intercolonial Railway official shewing the quantities, kinds and cost of rails, fish-plates, bolts and nuts, spikes and sleepers, as follows:—

On hand but not in use on 30th June, 1875—received during the year ending 30th June, 1876—used and otherwise disposed of during the same period—the balance on hand but not in use at that date—received during the six months ending 31st December, 1876—used and otherwise disposed of during the same period—and the balance on hand but not in use on the 31st December last.

The statement to shew the date when each lot was received, the quantity, the place whence received, parties from whom purchased, name of the vessel freighting rails, fish-plates, &c., amount of freight paid, and also the names of all persons to whom any such material was sold, the quantities so disposed of and the prices received therefor.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the authority under which two dwelling-houses with stables and outbuildings were erected during the past summer, at Moncton, for the use of the resident Engineer and Traffic Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway ; the amount authorized to be expended and the amount actually expended, the statement to be accompanied by statements shewing in detail all charges made for such works, and the accounts to which such charges have been entered in the books of the railway ; such statement to be so made up as to shew the following particulars:—

1. The quantity, kind and cost of stone used in the cellars and foundations.
2. Labor and cost of procuring the same.
3. Cost of erecting foundations and cellars.
4. Cost of foundations not used and its subsequent removal.
5. Cost of labor and material, used in constructing drains and of connecting same with main sewer.
6. Amount paid for waterpipes and for laying the same, giving the size and length of such pipes, the cost of tanks, baths, pumps, sinks, closets and fixtures in connection therewith.
7. Cost each of chimnies, grates, stoves, woodwork, plastering, earth embankment and fencing.
8. Cost of Inspection.

The statement shall give the names of places from which the stones were procured, the number of days the trackmen were employed in procuring such stone and the amount charged to the buildings therefor, and the amount allowed or charged for freight on the same.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the quantity of work done in enlarging the Railway Water-Works at Moncton during the year 1876, with the particulars of all expenditures in connection therewith.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving full particulars of all expenditure made in constructing restaurant, enlarging the store-house, erecting freight-house, altering and improving the station house, constructing sidings, erecting coal sheds and trestle works, constructing platforms, ballasting tracks and grading the yard, and other such work done in the Railway station yard at Moncton during the year 1876.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement of copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government railways and his subordinate officers, as well as with the Department of Public Works and the Canada Guarantee Company in reference to the defalcation of *Alfred Brush* late cashier of the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement glving a full account of all accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway since 1st July last giving the locality and cause of each, the damade done, the cost of repairs to stock indemnification to persons for goods damaged or injuries snstained, and the action taken in regard to any dereliction of duto which may hare caused such accident.

Mr. *Domville*—on Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of any Orders in Council and of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or his Traffic Superintendent and the Minister of Customs, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the Minister of Public Works in regard to the appointment of Mr. *James McAlister* to the position of Cashier of the Intercolonial Railway, the creation of the office of Dominion Auditor at Moncton, the transfer of Mrt *McAlister* thereto, the appointment of Mr. *Charles D. Thompson* to the position of Cashier, the subsequen. removal of Mr. *Thompson*, the abolition of the office of Dominion Auditor and the reappointment of Mr. *James McAlister* to the office of Cashier; also in regard to the subsequent provision made for Mr. *Thompson*.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next —ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement made up so as to shew for each month of the two years ending 31st December, 1876, the following particulars in relation to the working and management of the Intercolonial Railway:—

1. The number of miles run by the engines in each service, as follows:—Ordinary passenger trains; special passenger trains; freight trains; mixed trains; construction trains; with the mileage made by each description of cars used in each service.
2. The gross working expenses, without deductions, made up in accordance with the general classification of the Railway accounts.
3. The particulars of all charges made for the use of engines and cars as well as for railway freight, debited to the various services and deducted from the working expenses of the Railway. This statement to shew the deductions as made from each subdivision of the expenses and to what service such deductions were charged.
4. The average in detail before and after such deductions have been made.
5. A statement giving full and detailed information in relation to the special trains for the conveyance of passengers or officers of the Railway, which were run from the 1st July, 1875, to the 31st December, 1876. The statement to shew whence and where to each such train was run,and the date; the distance ; the names of the conductors and engine-driver in charge, the reason for running it, the amount received for each service and the expenses incidental thereto.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or any official in charge of a department of the Intercolonial Railway and the Phœnixville Iron Company, or any other person, from a company in the state of Pennsylvania, in relation to any offers for bridge superstructure, iron roofs, turn-tables, engines, cars, work, supplies or other matter or thing since 31st December, 1875, whether such correspondence has been in the form of tender of otherwise, stating upon the face of any offer if the same has been accepted.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving a full and detailed account of all charges made and expenses incurred for changing the guage of the Intercolonial Railway, and shewing how the expenditure is classified in the Railway Accounts.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the names, ages, denomination, date of appointment, occupation and salary of all persons, except ordinary mechanics and laborers, who were in the service of the Intercolonial Railway on the 31st March, 1876 ; Also a separate statement giving similar information in regard to persons who were in the service of the Railway on the 31st December last; Such Return to include the names of all employees whether on the pay sheets or otherwise.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving a full epitome of all offers, or tenders made from the 30th June, 1875, to 31st December, 1876, to any authorized officer of the Intercolonial Railway, for each of the following : Wheels, Axles, Springs, Tubes, Tools, Stoves, Iron, Ironwork, Iron Roofs, Bridge Superstructure, Cars, Ploughs, Oil, Tallow, Waste, Fuel, Rails, Frogs, Spikes, and other principal supplies, and also for Buildings, Snow Sheds, or any description of work usually done by contract ; the statement to include the names of the parties, who made such offers, and the names of those whose offers were accepted, as well as the names of those who in any case were invited to submit offers, and the names of those, if any, whose contracts were cancelled, and giving the cause thereof.

Mr. *Domville*,—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement showing the names and address of all persons, firms or Companies, who supplied materials or stores of any kind, during the two years ending 31st December 1876, for the use of the Intercolonial Railway; such statement to show opposite each name, the date, general character of the goods supplied, the amount of the purchase and the reference number of the receipt taken when the goods were paid for.

Mr. *Domville*,—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving a general description and cost of each of the works of the Intercolonial Railway, not chargeable to ordinary maintenances, which have been constructed during the two years ending 31st December, 1876 ; by days' labor or private arrangement, giving the name of the Engineer and Inspector under whose immediate supervision the work was done.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving copies of any agreement, arrangement or correspondence in pursuance of which the officers of the Intercolonial Railway or any other Government officials, are insured with the Guarantee Company of Canada, such statement to be accompanied by statement shewing, who of the officers of such Railway have been so insured, the amount of such insurance, the premiums paid in each case, and the amount of insurance paid by the said Guarantee Company on any policy.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing (1st) the arrangement made for insuring the Employees of the Intercolonial Railway against accidents (2nd) the monthly deductions made from the wages or salaries of such Employees, on account of said insurance from the time the Government undertook the risks up to 31st December last and (3rd) the particulars of all amounts paid out of the Railway on account of such insurance.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the following particulars in regard to the traffic of the Intercolonial Railway for each of the six months preceding the 1st January last:

1. The number of tons of through freight forwarded to each Station of the Intercolonial from any Station on the Grand Trunk Railway, shewing in each case the total freight charges thereon, the amount of such charges apportioned to each Railway, the whole number of tons carried per mile on each line, the average receipts per ton per mile by each line, and the amount paid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for the mileage of their cars used on the Intercolonial.
2. The like particulars respecting through freight forwarded to each Station on the Grand Trunk Railway from any Station on the Intercolonial.
3. The number of tons of local freight forwarded to each Station on the the Intercolonial from each other Station, shewing the freight charges thereon, the whole number of tons carried per mile and the average receipts per ton per mile.
4. The number of local and through passengers carried, shewing the Intercolonial Railway proportion of the sums received therefor, the whole number carried per mile and the average receipts per passenger per mile.
5. The Revenue arising from each other source.
6. The total Revenue.
7. The number of tons of freight received at Halifax from any European steamer or vessel and transported over the Intercolonial, on through Bills of Lading or otherwise, to points beyond River du Loup, and shewing the Intercolonial Railway's proposition of the freight charges thereon and the average receipts per ton per mile.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing (1st) the names occupation and salary of all persons appointed to any office or place except that of laborer in connection with the construction and management of the Intercolonial Railway during the year ending 31st December, 1876, (2) the amount of any increase made in the salary of any General Ocffier, Superintendent, Engineer, Clerk, Inspector or other Officer of the Intercolonial Railway during the same period, (3) the names of all persons upon whose recommendation, or at whose instance such appointments were made or increased salary was granted.

The statement to show also the names, occupation and remuneration of all persons who have served in the capacity of Clerk in any office during the year but who have not been regularly or permanently appointed to positions in the Railway service.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the several amounts paid to each of the Newspaper Proprietors in Canada for advertising done in connection with the Intercolonial Railway during the year ending 31st December, 1876; also, shewing the particulars of the several amounts paid to any person, firm or Company for Placards, Posters, Show-bills, Illuminated Cards, Railroad Maps, Shew-frames, Time-tables or other means of advertising, also, the several amounts paid to Newspaper Proprietors, during each month of the year, for Printing of all kinds, and stating whether done under contract or otherwise.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the monthly sales of Season, also of commutation tickets, at each Station of the Intercolonial Railway for a period of eighteen months preceding the 31st December last.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—Statement giving full information in relation to the arrangement made between the Government or their representative and the Pullman Palace Car Company, in pursuance of which their cars are run on the Intercolonial Railway, such statement to be accompanied by copy of the agreement and a statement giving a detailed account of all expenses incurred by the Government for transporting the cars, and for cleaning, painting, repairing, and lighting them since they were put upon the line to the 31st December last.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement giving copies of any arrangement made between the Government Railways and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for the interchange of cars and transportation of passengers and freight.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the various tariffs for the carriage of freight on the Intercolonial Railway, which have been in operation since 1st January, 1875, together with the changes made therein; the return to be accompanied by a statement shewing all special rates granted from time to time since 1st January, 1876, to persons and companies or particular stations, and also shewing the Parliamentary authority under which these several tariffs have been issued.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the particulars of all amounts in addition to salary paid to any General or Departmental officer of the Intercolonial Railway during the year 1876.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing which of the Bridges and Culverts of the Intercolonial Railway between Pictou and Halifax received extensive repairs and alterations or were renewed in part or in whole during the seasons of 1875 and 1876; also a statement giving the quantity and cost of each kind of material procured therefor, the persons from whom and the place whence it was obtained, the cost of transportation, the amount and cost of labor expended, and generally full particulars in regard to the work in each case.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing all claims made against the Intercolonial Railway for damages or loss of any kind sustained by private individuals during the year 1876, also shewing what was paid thereon, and how disposed of.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for all papers, correspondence and telegrams relating to property on the Marsh Road in the County of St. John, New Brunswick, damaged by Fire from Locomotives on the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS for copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with the investigation and dismissal of one *Davis* an Engine Driver on the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. *Langevin*—on Wednesday next—That Sessional paper No. 96 of last Session be printed for the use of Members.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For a copy of Mr. *Langevin's* report on the Marine Hospital at Quebec.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all correspondence between the Minister of the Interior or the Surveyor-General and the Dominion Lands Agent at Winnipeg relative to the Railway reserves within the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. *Orton*—On Monday next—That all the evidence obtained by the Special Committee on Agriculture of last Session be printed including any evidence obtained by Committee after reporting.

Mr. *Devlin*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Government or any of its Departments and the Emigration Agents stationed in Ireland respecting the sending out of emigrants from that country to Canada and the manner and under what circumstances pecuniary assistance could be given and to what extent and whether by all the Agents or only one of them also for copies of the instructions given to said Agents as to the discharge of their duties and the places fixed for their Headquarters, also all correspondence had with the Agency in London respecting the sending out of Irish emigrants to Canada and all correspondence regarding the removal of the Agent who was stationed in Manchester to Belfast and regarding the removal of the Agent who was stationed in Cork to London and regarding the powers conferred upon the Agent stationed in Ulster.

Mr. *Mitchell*—ORDER OF HOUSE for statement of accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway in the County of Northumberland—the number of cattle which have been killed by locomotives on said Railway—with a statement of the causes of such accidents and whether the same has arisen from want of fencing along the line of said Road or otherwise—with a list of claims made by proprietors of cattle killed or injured—amounts paid on such claims—with a statement of claims rejected and the reason of such rejection; also a statement as to whether it is the intention of Government erect a fence on the said line of Railway where none now exist in the vicinity of the Town of Newcastle the non-existence of which has caused several accdents?

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to erect a Lighthouse at Palmer's Point on the St. John River in the vicinity of the wharf?

Mr. *Campbell*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns of all Tenders and Contracts for the construction of a Harbour at Ingonish, Nova Scotia, the names of the parties to whom the contract was awarded; shewing if it was awarded to the lowest tender; the names of the parties to whom the contract was subsequently transferred and of their securities since the commencement of the work; the dates of such Tranfers; the amount of the original contract; and if the contract has been completed in accordance with the original plans and specification, if not, the reason why; also if the contract has been taken off the hands of the contractors, and if so, when; also what portion of the original plans and specifications have not been

finished or completed and what further sums are to be paid to the contractors for what work they have performed, and if it is the intention to finish the works in accordance with the original plans and specifications; also the amount paid for superintendence of contract and to whom paid; also copies of correspondence between the Government and the contractor relative to relieving him of the contract in order that he might contest the County of Victoria for the vacant seat.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Return of correspondence with *John Baine, Angus Morrison,* and *Charles L. Campbell* regarding their dismissals from office as seizing and landing officers at Great Bras d'Or and the reasons for said dismissals.

Mr. *Blain*—On Thursday next—That it be an Order of the House that if at the hour of 10 o'clock P.M., the business of the day be not concluded Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair and the House shall stand adjourned until its next regular meeting unless it be otherwise resolved by a majority of the Members present at that hour and in case any desire to continue in Session Mr. Speaker shall on being requested by not less than five Members put the question without debate.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Wednesday next—That an order of this House do issue for a return shewing the quantity of iron ralls removed from the Government railways—railway companies to which they have been loaned—the date of such loans—the counties and districts through which said railways run—the quantity loaned to each railway company—the terms upon which such loans have been made—the nature of the security given by each railway company to secure the return of said iron rails—the names of the directors of the companies respectively to which iron rails have been loaned, together with all correspondence between the Government and any company or individual making application for such loans.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any further despatches have been received from the Imperial Government touching the recognition of naturalized aliens as British subjects in foreign countries and if so will they be laid before Parliament?

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Wednesday next—That an order of this House do issue for a statement of the names nf the inspectors and deputy inspectors of weights and measures, appointed since the proclamation of the 18th December, 1874, bringing into force the (*Act respecting Weights and Measures,*) their inspection districts and respective salaries and the fees collected by each of them since their appointment;—also copies of the instructions forwarded to each of the aforesaid inspectors by the Department of the Interior with copies of the tariff of fees made for the inspection of weights and measures.

Mr. *Laurier*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments not already laid before The House, concerning the mode of exercising the power of disallowance of Provincial Acts.

Mr. *Laurier*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Federal and any of the Provincial Governments since the establishment of Confederation concerning the disallowance of Provincial Acts or the action on Provincial Bills reserved.

Mr. *Casey*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a classified return of imports and exports of live stock showing origin and destination of stock for each quarter from March 1st, 1875, to January 1st, 1877, and further month of January, 1877.

Mr. *Desjardins*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return from the 1st January, 1875, to the 1st January, 1877, shewing the quantities of different grades of sugar imported from Europe, British and Foreign West Indies and the United States; also the value of each such importations and the duties paid thereon.

Mr. *White* (Renfrew)—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government has since the sixth day of March last entered into any contract or contracts for the construction of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway and if so whether such contract or contracts will be laid before Parliament during the present session.

Mr. *Caron*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the names of all persons superannuated or placed on the retired list from 1st January 1876 to this date.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is their intention to place a sum in the Estimates for the improvement of the navigation of the River Sydenham, in the Counties of Kent and Lambton and the Electoral Division of Bothwell, to be expended during the present year?

Mr. *Fleming*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return of the number of accidents to persons caught in railway frogs; the points where the accidents occurred, and the particulars connected therewith for the five years ending the 31st December last.

Mr. *Brouse*—On Wednesday next—SELECT COMMITTEE to examine and report upon the subject of vital statistics and public health, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. *De Cosmos*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Postal Department at Ottawa and Post Office Inspector of British Columbia in 1876 and 1877, respecting the Ocean Mail Service between Victoria and San Francisco; also a copy of all correspondence between the contractors for such service and the Postal Department within the sad period.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY---Do the Government propose to grant a subsidy to aid in the construction of a telegraph line between Victoria and Nanaimo, if so, what is the amount of the proposed subsidy ?

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a copy of every tender received since November last, by the Postal Department for carrying the mails in British Columbia, shewing the tenderers and their securities ;---also a copy of all telegrams and letters received or sent by the Postal Department respecting the same ?

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY---Do the Government propose to lay before this House during this session a progress report of the surveys of the Canadian Pacific Railway up to December 1876, if so, when ?

Mr. *DeCosmos*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has any arrangements been made with the Government of the United States for defining the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia; has any correspondence passed since last Session of Parliament between the Government of the Dominion and that of the United States respecting the said boundary ?

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government and all Orders in Council and other papers touching the extension of the jurisdiction of the Court of Vice Admiralty to the Inland Waters of Canada.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Huntington* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Postmaster General, for the year ending 30th June, 1876.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Select Committee appointed to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, obtained leave to report from time to time.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), then presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an Official Report of the Debates of The House, submit as their First Report a series of Rules and Regulations for the reporting and publishing the Debates, to which they respectfully ask the concurrence of the House:—

Regulations as to the Reporting and Publishing of the Debates, House of Commons.

The Reporting shall be conducted by a staff of Five Reporters under the direction and control of the Committee appointed for that purpose, one of whom shall be called the Chief Reporter, and the other four, Assistants, at a cost not to exceed $5,500.

The Chief shall be appointed by the Committee, whose duty it shall be:—

1st. To select four persons as his assistants for whose qualifications and fitness as Parliamentary Reporters, he can vouch and be responsible, subject to the approval of the Committee.

2nd. To give such personal attendance at the sittings of The House during Debate as may be necessary not only for supervision over the Reporters on duty, but also to become so conversant with the subject matter under discussion that he may in superintending, revising and condensing the speeches preserve the sense, tone and spirit throughout.

3rd. To furnish any member on his application therefor with a copy of his speech in manuscript, for revision, and to make such alterations as he may require, provided they be in accord with that spoken in The House, should they be otherwise, the same to be reported to the Committee before being sent to the Printer.

4th. That the copy shall not be furnished the Printer until properly revised and corrected, so that no charge for alterations can be made.

5th. To correct the proofs and revise the same and be responsible for their correctness.

6th. To prepare the Indexes in the same style and form as the English Hansard, and to revise the proofs of the same and generally to do all things that pertain to the editing and publishing a faithful, condensed record of the Debates which have taken place in the House of Commons of Canada.

7th. The Chief Reporter must have no connection with any newspaper whatever, nor shall he nor any of his assistants undertake any other work during the Session either by furnishing newspapers with reports, or by attending Committees of either House requiring reporters, but devote their whole time and energy to the service for which they are engaged, except by consent of the Committee.

8th. It is clearly and distinctly understood and ordered that the above sum of $5,500 is to cover the whole cost of Reporting and the several duties in connection therewith. Therefore should the Chief Reporter, or any of the Assistants be unable---from any cause, to fulfil the above obligations, the Committee reserve the right to provide such assistance as may be necessary for the proper performance of the work, deducting the cost thereof from the party or parties unable to perform the same.

9th. The speeches shall be reported in the language in which they are spoken, and translated by the official translators of The House, according to the edition for which they are required, at a cost not to exceed $1.25 per page ; which was concurred in.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, from the Special Committee appointed, to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees, ordered by The House on Thursday, the 8th instant, reported as follows :—

1.—On Privileges and Elections.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Guthrie,	Mackenzie,
Blake,	Holton,	McCarthy,
Brooks,	Irving,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
Cameron,	Kirkpatrick,	McIntyre,
Cauchon,	Laflamme,	McIsaac,
Colby,	Langlois,	Mills,
Desjardins,	Macdonald, Sir J. A.,	Oliver and
Devlin,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Palmer.—24.

2.—On Expiring Laws.

Messieurs

Bain,	Dawson,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Blackburn,	Dewdney,	McQuade,
Borron,	Donahue,	Monteith,
Brooks,	Ferguson,	Ouimet,
Brown,	Ferris,	Pettes,
Buell,	Gill,	Ray,
Burk,	Hall,	Robillard,
Campbell,	Jetté,	Ryan,
Casey,	Kirk,	Scatcherd,
Cheval,	Lajoie,	Shibley and
Cimon,	Lanthier,	Smith (*Peel*).—35.
Daoust,	Little,	

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Seven Members.

3.—On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

Messieurs

Aylmer,	Donahue,	McGreevy,
Baby,	Ferris	Metcalfe,
Béchard,	Fiset,	Mitchell,
Bertram,	Flesher,	Mousseau,
Blake,	Geoffrion,	Norris,

Blanchet,
Borden,
Bourassa,
Bowell,
Bowman,
Brouse,
Buell,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Caron,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Church,
Colby,
Cook,
Costigan,
Coupal,
Cunningham,
Currier,
Davies,
DeCosmos,
Delorme,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gill,
Gillies,
Hagar,
Haggart,
Harwood,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Huntington,
Hurteau,
Irving,
Jones (*Halifax*),
Jones (*Leeds*),
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirkpatrick,
Laflamme,
Langevin,
Langlois,
Lanthier,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald, Sir John A.
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
Mackenzie,
Masson,
McCallum,
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
Oliver,
Pickard,
Platt,
Plumb,
Pope (*Queen's, P.E.I.*),
Ray,
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Rymal,
Schultz,
Shibley,
Sinclair
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
Stephenson,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Welland*),
Trow,
Tupper,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
White (*Hastings*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Workman,
Wright (*Ottawa*), and
Wright (*Pontiac*).—99.

4.—On Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Messieurs

Baby,
Barthe,
Blain,
Blanchet,
Bolduc,
Bourassa,
Bowman,
Brooks,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Cameron,
Campbell,
Casey,
Cheval,
Church,
Cimon,
Coffin,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
Devlin,
Dymond,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Fraser,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gaudet,
Geoffrion,
Gillmor,
Higinbotham,
Jetté,
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Kirkpatrick,
Lajoie,
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
Mackay (*Cape Breton*),
Macmillan,
McCarthy,
McCraney,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
Mills,
Moffat,
Mousseau,
Oliver,
Ouimet,
Platt,
Ray,
Rochester,
Roscoe,
Scriver,
Skinner,
Taschereau,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wallace (*Norfolk*), and
White (*Hastings*)—60.

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Seven Members.

5.—On Standing Orders.

Messieurs

Appleby,
Baby,
Bertram,
Blanchet,
Bunster,
Casgrain,
Charlton,
Christie,
Cook,
Costigan,
De St. Georges,
Ferris,
Flesher,
Forbes,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gaudet,
Gibson,
Guthrie,
Hall,
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macmillan,
McCarthy,
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Orton,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pouliot,
Ross (*Durham*),
Rymal,
Scatcherd,
Schultz,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Short,
Smith (*Peel*), and
Wright (*Pontiac*).—38.

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Seven Members.

6.—Printing.

Messieurs

Bourassa,	De Veber,	Stephenson,
Bowell,	Dymond,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Charlton,	Goudge,	Trow, and
Church,	Lanthier,	Wallace (*Norfolk*)—16.
Delorme,	Ross (*Middlesex*),	
Desjardins,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),	

7.—On Public Accounts.

Messieurs

Archibald,	Gibson,	Ouimet,
Bertram,	Goudge,	Pettes,
Blain,	Harwood,	Plumb,
Blake,	Holton,	Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*)
Bourassa,	Jetté,	Power,
Bowell,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Richard,
Boyer,	Kirkpatrick,	Robitaille,
Brouse,	Landerkin,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Langevin,	Rouleau,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Laurier,	Rymal,
Caron,	Little,	Scriver,
Cartwright,	Macdonald, Sir J. A.,	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Charlton,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Snider,
Cimon,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Taschereau,
Colby,	Mackenzie,	Thibaudeau,
Davies,	Masson,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Delorme,	McCraney,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Desjardins,	McGreevy,	Tupper,
De Veber,	McGregor,	Vail,
Domville,	McLeod,	Wood,
Dymond,	McNab,	Workman,
Fiset,	Metcalfe,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Fréchette,	Mills,	Wright (*Pontiac*), and
Galbraith,	Mitchell,	Young—74.
Gibbs, (*Ontario South*),	Mousseau,	

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Nine Members.

8.—On Banking and Commerce.

Messieurs

Archibald,	Fleming,	Mousseau,
Béchard,	Forbes,	Oliver,
Biggar,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Paterson,
Blain,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Pickard,
Blake,	Greenway,	Plumb,
Boyer,	Haggart,	Power,
Brouse,	Holton,	Robillard,
Brown,	Horton,	Robinson,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Irving,	Robitaille,
Cameron	Jetté,	Rochester,
Carmichael,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Ross (*Durham*),
Caron,	Kirkpatrick,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Cartwright,	Killam,	Rouleau,
Cauchon,	Laflamme,	Rymal,
Charlton,	Landerkin,	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Cockburn,	Langlois,	Smith (*Westmorland*),
Currier,	Laurier,	Taschereau,
DeCosmos,	Macdonald, Sir J. A.,	Thibaudeau,
De St. Georges,	Macdonald, (*Toronto*),	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
De Veber,	Mackenzie,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Devlin,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Tupper,
Domville,	McGreevy,	Wood,
Dugas,	McLeod,	Workman,
Dymond,	Mitchell,	Yeo, and
Fiset,	Monteith,	Young.—75.

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Nine Members.

9.—On Immigration and Colonization.

Messieurs

Aylmer,	Flynn,	Paterson,
Bain,	Forbes,	Perry,
Bannatyne,	Fraser,	Pinsonneault,
Barthe,	Gaudet,	Pope (*Compton*),
Béchard,	Greenway,	Pouliot,
Benoit,	Hagar,	Richard,
Bernier,	Horton,	Rochester,
Biggar,	Huntington,	Ryan,
Bolduc,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Borron,	Lajoie,	Stephenson,
Christie,	Little,	St. Jean,
Cockburn,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Coupal,	McNab,	Trow,
Cunningham,	Moffat,	White (*Hastings*),
Dugas,	Montplaisir,	White (*Renfrew*),
Farrow,	Orton,	Wright (*Ottawa*), and
Ferris,	Palmer,	Yeo— 51.

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Nine Members.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, the said Report was concurred in, so far as relates to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Select Committee was appointed, to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library; composed of Messrs. *Baby*, *Blanchet*, *Brouse*, *Cartwright*, *Cauchon*, *Delorme*, *Fréchette*, *Higinbotham*, *Holton*, *Laurier*, Sir *John A. Macdonald*, *Masson*, *Mills*, *Tupper*, *Wright* (Ottawa), and *Young*; and a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate to acquaint them therewith.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Resolved*, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Blake* it was *Resolved*, That the Petition of *F. X. A. Biron*, and others, concerning the administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu,—and the Petition of Mr. Justice *Loranger*, relating thereto, be printed in the Votes and Proceedings.

And the said Petitions are as follows:

(*Translation.*)

Canada.

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

May it Please Your Honorable House:

The Petition of the undersigned, living in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec,

Most respectfully sheweth to Your Honorable House:—

That the conduct of the Honorable *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger*, Judge of the Superior Court for the said Province of Quebec, residing in the said District of Richelieu, is and has been for several years past characterized by a grave neglect of his duties and by acts of a nature to destroy the confidence in him of suitors in the said District of Richelieu, to wit:—

That the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, every year, since he was made Judge, residing in the Town of Sorel, in the said District of Richelieu, particularly between the first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and the thirtieth of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, has been unwilling to hold and has not held, the "Circuit Court," during the whole of the terms duly fixed for the holding of this Court, in the greater number of the various Counties of the two Districts of Richelieu and Joliette, in which two Districts he was charged and obliged to administer Justice, in his said quality of Judge, namely in the Counties of Berthier, Yamaska, L'Assomption and Montcalm, and that without reasonable cause, the said Honorable Judge often was not even willing to go and did not go to the *chefs-lieux* of the said Counties, to hold there, in whole or in part, some of the aforesaid terms, at a time when there were matters before the said Circuit Court, for each such terms, and this to the great disadvantage and loss of the suitors and business men residing in the aforesaid Counties, several of whom, even, notwithstanding their pressing need for recourse to the said Circuit Court in the different Counties of the said Districts of Richelieu and Joliette, have, by reason of the aforesaid refusal and neglect on the part of the said Honorable Judge, abstained from applying, with some few exceptions, to a tribunal rendered inefficacious by its irregular holding, and the too frequent interruption and premature closing of its terms and sittings.

That nevertheless on referring to the different accounts, claims and certificates presented and sent into the Government of this Dominion, since the said first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, up to the said thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, by the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, for his pretended travelling and resident expenses, in his said quality of Judge, as well at the *chef-lieux* of the aforesaid Counties, as in several other places, such as the Cities of Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal; and by the testimony of the different Prothonotaries, Clerks, Officers of Justice, and other witnesses concerned, it would be clearly proved that the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, caused himself to be paid knowingly and illegally, every year, during the said period, by the Government of the Dominion, considerable sums of money, which together would make a total sum of more than a thousand dollars, to wit, about one thousand five hundred and fifty-four dollars, currency, for travelling and resident expenses to which the said Honorable Judge had no legal right, inasmuch as (among other reasons) he had not been absent from his said place of residence, Sorel; and that he had never acted or sat as such Judge at the *chefs lieux* of the aforesaid Counties, and at the said Cities of Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal, except during a number of days and terms much less numerous than those for which the said Honorable Judge did as aforesaid, ask for and receive, costs, fees and payments, thereby being guilty knowingly and deliberately of exaction of monies, or extortion, to the prejudice of the Crown.

That at the *chef-lieu* of the District of Richelieu, for a couple of years past, the Honorable Judge has refused to give to the Bar and to suitors, his services as judicial proceedings require, and that, particularly, in spite of the solicitations of the Bar, the said Honorable Judge, without reasonable motives or causes, has refused and refuses to grant *enquête* terms and to lengthen the terms of the Courts, as required by the accumulation of business, thus causing considerable loss to suitors, by the delays and the length of time taken by the trial of their cases, and that whilst suitors were suffering from these refusals, the said Honorable Judge was employing the greater part of his time in frequent and prolonged absences outside the District.

That even contrary to law, the said Honorable Judge has, during the months of May, June, July, August and September last, fixed his residence outside and at a distance from the said District of Richelieu, in the Town of Levis, in the District of Quebec, and this to the disadvantage and loss of suitors.

That the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, on several occasions, publicly and in the presence of suitors, gave himself up to intemperate language and the immoderate use of intoxicating liquors which rendered him incapable of fulfilling his duties, and took away all confidence and respect in his decisions and this more especially at Sorel, and at St. François du Lac, in the course of the spring and autumn of eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

That in order to avoid the reversal of certain of his judgments, especially in two cases commenced i the Superior Court, sitting in the District of Richelieu, under the numbers one thousand three hundred an twenty-two and one thousand three hundred and thirty-two, of the Records of the said Court, betwee *Michel Mathieu*, Plaintiff, and *Jean Baptiste Brousseau*, Defendant, the said Honorable Judge did unjustly and illegally, after the filing by the Defendant of inscription for revision of the Judgments by him rendered in these cases, before a Superior tribunal, change, falsify and alter the Register or Roll of the said Court upon which were inscribed the two aforesaid causes, and made false entries therein, implying the existence of fact and proceedings, which had never taken place, nor existed, to wit:—that on or about the eighteenth of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, at the said place of Sorel, the said Honorable Judge did, out of Court, privately, and without the knowledge of the said Defendant, strike out the letters "P. O. C. A. V." signifying "*Parties ouïes, curia advisare vult.*" (Parties heard, the Court wishes to deliberate) entered and written by him as Judge of the said Court, in open Court, the third of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, in the columns of the said Roll or Register, appropriated to the said causes, at the time of the appeal of the said causes, and wrote therein and inserted below the aforesaid words struck out, the following words:—"*Le Defendeur declare son enquête close*" (The Defendant declares his *enquête* closed), in his own handwriting, which said last words declared a falsehood, inasmuch as the Defendant in these causes, neither by himself nor his Attorney had ever said or declared that he had closed his *enquête* in the said causes: or in any one of the said causes; and that in consequence of the aforesaid changes, falsifications and alterations, the said Defendant, not being able to show nor to take advantage effectually of the irregularities and illegalities of the inscriptions for *enquête* and bearing on the merits, made by the Plaintiff in the said causes, and upon which irregularities and illegalities, he, the said Defendant, solely based his claim to demand the Review of Judgments rendered upon these Inscriptions, was deprived of the benefit he had a right to expect from the said Inscriptions in Review in the said causes; the Judgments rendered by the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, in the said causes having been confirmed by the said Court of Review.

That some days subsequently to the said tenth day of February, 1874, in another case moved before the said Superior Court, under No. 708, between *James O. Pope* and others, Plaintiffs, and *Daniel Truesdell* and others Defendants, at the said Town of Sorel, the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, after having rejected, on the 10th February, 1874, in open Court, a motion of the said Plaintiffs, changed, unknown to the Defendants, privately and out of Court, the judgment he had rendered on the said motion, by granting the said motion and maintaining it out of Court, after having rejected it as above stated, in open Court, and by striking out, out of Court, privately and unknown to the Defendants, on the draft of judgment in the handwriting of the said Honorable Judge, the words "and rejecting that of Plaintiffs" ("*et rejectant celle des demandeurs*"), written and entered at the rendering of the said Judgment rendered in open Court, and by writing and inserting therein, over the aforesaid words struck out, the words following: "and that of Plaintiffs" ("*et celle des demandeurs,*") which, the latter words following after others, meant: "and granting that of Plaintiffs," and completely altered the judgment rendered in open Court.

That in another case moved before the said Superior Court under No. 1622 of the records of the said Court, between *Edward Paul Hus*, Plaintiff, and *Joseph Millette* Defendant, the said Honorable Judge

Loranger, by an interlocutory judgment rendered in the said case, at Sorel, in the District of Richelieu, on the 16th March, 1875, ordered on enquiry by Experts ("*Enquête Information et expertise*") directing three Experts to search out in the Notarial Records of the District of Richelieu and of the adjoining districts, as well as in the records of the Courts of the District of Richelieu and of the adjoining districts, and in the records of the seigniories, the original deeds of concession of each and all the lands in the concession called "*Concession du chenal du Moine*," in Sorel, from No. 1 to No. 24; when the only point involved in the said case was as to the *possession* of one single parcel of property contested between the parties to the case, to wit: — the concession bearing the No. 6. That the *Expertise* was of a nature to involve considerable and ruinous costs for the parties; so much so, that both of them by mutual agreement fyled in Court a written abandonment of the case, and that, in order to avoid such *Expertise*, the Plaintiff elected to make admission of facts not yet proved in the said case. That in the sincere opinion of your Petitioners, this strange and normal proceeding can only be explained by and attributed to the following circumstances, to wit:—That at the time of the said Judgment and for some time previous, the said Honorable Judge *Loranger* was treating or the purchase of the land or property No. 24 of the said *concession du chenel du Moine* at the price of about twenty thousand dollars, and that the completion of the said bargain, or purchase, was suspended and delayed by the want of the titles, or of some of the titles, to the said property. These circumstances justify your petitioners in believing that the true motive and the principal object of the said Honorable Judge in ordering the said *Expertise*, was rather to discover, for his own personal profit or advantage, the titles to the said property which he then wished to purchase, than to promote the ends of justice in the said case; and this is the interpretation given by many of those acquainted with the matter, of the motives of the Judge in rendering the aforesaid interlocutory judgment.

That the suitors of the District of Richelieu have lost all confidence in the administration of justice by the said Honorable Judge *Loranger*, by reason of the evident and notorious partiality of the said Honorable Judge, in the exercise of his judicial functions in favor of certain members of the Bar of Richelieu practising before him; a partiality so notorious and so clearly proved in the eyes of the public, that quite a number of litigants abandoned their duly appointed attorneys and employed the said members of the Bar so favored by him, or joined to their appointed attorney such members of the Bar so favored by him, admitting openly that they so acted because these members of the Bar had full empire over the Judge, and that he made them gain all their cases.

That the said Honorable Judge *Loranger* has often, in the exercise of his said functions as a judge. acted and judged in a manner manifestly unjust, arbitary and partial, in many instances, towards and against many of the suitors of the said District of Richelieu, in cases and matters submitted to him, and more particularly towards and against *Joseph Duguay* and *Louis Monseau*, Merchants of La Baie du Febvre, County of Yamaska, *Moë Fortier*, Merchant of St. David in the said County, *Maxime Beaupré* and *Pierre Letendre*, Merchants, and *Jean Salvas*, Burgess, Trader, of St. Michel d'Yamaska, in the same County, and *Thimothe D. Latour*, Notary, of Lanoraie, County of Berthier, and generally all the men of the District of Richelieu, having important judicial business; and that the only motive which your Petitioners can assign for this arbitrary conduct of the Judge against these several persons, is the desire and intention on his part to discourage them from suing, in order to diminish his judicial labors; and that, in fact, by reason of his said conduct, the judicial business of the said District has, within the past few years, been less important and the cases fewer than they would have been had he not so conducted himself, many of the suitors of the said District refraining often, at the sacrifice of their rights and of their interest, from bringing their judical affairs before the said Honorable Judge, by reason of their want of confidence in him.

That by all the aforesaid facts of negligence, ill-will, injustice, partiality, and arbitrariness; by the aforesaid changing alterations and falsifications of the Roll or Register of the Court, to the great prejudice of the parties interested, the said Honorable Judge *Loranger* has destroyed all confidence and respect in his regard, and that he has rendered himself quite unworthy of exercising any longer the important, noble and august functions of a Judge in the Province of Quebec.

Your Petitioners have for a long time refrained from informing your Honorable House of the conduct of the said Honorable Judge *Loranger* as above set forth, in the hope that those whose special duty it is to watch over the administration of justice would take the matter in hand; and it is solely because, by reason of his said conduct, disorder is at its height and that the administration of justice in the said District of Richelieu has fallen into the most deplorable discredit, that your Petitioners have decided to pray your Honorable House to do justice in the matters complained of.

Your Petitioners pray you to believe that it is with regret and solely for the purpose of serving the best interests of the administration of justice that they adopt this proceeding, which the majority of the suitors of the District of Richelieu approve, but which they dare not support openly, fearing and dreading reprisals on the part of the said Judge, if the latter succeeded in getting rid of the charges made against him.

That the facts aforesaid, if they be not all within the personal knowledge of your petitioners, are matters of public notoriety and have come to their knowledge in a manner to render them credible and worthy of belief.

That your Petitioners are in a position to prove that all the facts and complaints above set forth are susceptible of undeniable proof.

That they are moreover informed and have reason to believe, that the proof of the greater part of the most important facts above set forth, already exists in the Department of Justice at Ottawa, and they declare, moreover, that an enquiry by persons authorized to compel the production of documents and

evidence would clearly establish the truth and exactness of each and every the allegations of this petition

Wherefore, your Petitioners pray your Honorable House to take this their Petition into favorable consideration, and to deal therewith in conformity to law and justice and the interests of the public service.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

District of Richelieu, 31st March, 1876.

(Signed,) F. X. A. BIRON, Notary,
LOUIS VADNAIT,
WILLIAM KELLY, Merchant,
MOE FORTIER, ex-M.P. for Yamaska,
P. LETENDRE, Merchant,
JOS. DUGUAY, ex-M.P.
M. BEAUPRÉ, Merchant, Yamaska.

(*Translation.*)

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Petition of the Honorable Thomas *Jean Jacques Loranger*, of the Town of Sorel, in the District of Richelieu, one of the Judges of the Superior Court,

Humbly sheweth:

That, during the last Session of Parliament, but at a period too late to allow of its being taken into consideration, a Petition was presented to your Honorable House, signed by *François X. A. Biron*, Esquire, and six others, against your Petitioner, untruly, falsely, and calumniously, preferring against him various accusations in respect of the performance of his duties as a Judge;

That, some days after the presentation of that Petition, your Petitioner prayed your Honorable House to be pleased to hear him at the Bar in his defence against the said accusations, but that no decision was come to in respect of his prayer;

That your Petitioner having learned through the public prints that the said Petition is to be renewed during the present session, or that proceedings are to be taken thereupon, hastens beforehand to come before your Honorable House to inform it of his most formal and absolute denial of the facts contained in that petition or in any petition of a similar nature, in respect of which he declares that he is ready to undergo without delay any investigation and form of proceeding whatever, with the view of demonstrating his innocence and the falsity of such accusations, and to pray you to receive such declaration from him and the renewal of his prayer that he may be heard before your Honorable House in his defence against the said accusations when, where and how you may be pleased to order;

Wherefore by this Petition your petitioner, reserving all his constitutional rights, prays you to take his prayer into your favorable consideration, to be pleased to allow him in case the said Petition of the said *François X. A. Biron* and others should be renewed, or any other like petition should be presented to inform your Honorable House beforehand of his formal and absolute denial of the facts contained in such petitions, to receive his declaration that he is ready to undergo at any time, and at the shortest notice any enquiry, investigation or form of process which you may be pleased to order in accordance with the constitution and the laws which govern the Dominion in relation to proceedings upon such petitions, which he purposes even to demand; and beforehand and in case of need, your Petitioner prays that you will be pleased to hear him in his defence against such petitions.

And your Petitioner will ever pray. T. J. J. LORANGER.

February, 1877.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a copy of Mr. *Kingsford's* Report on the Piers at Bay St. Paul, Eboulements and Malbaie, in the summer of 1876.

Mr *Colby* moved,—That in the opinion of this House, the interests of the Country would be promoted by a reduction of the duties on Refined Petroleum.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

Mr. *Mackenzie* laid before The House,—Official Return of the distribution of the Dominion Statutes of Canada, being 39 Victoria, Third Session of the Third Parliament, 1876.

The Order of the Day, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto).—"That it be an Order of The House, that each day and immediately after the Speaker shall "have taken the Chair at three o'clock in the afternoon, the prayers now read daily in the Senate, be read "in this Chamber, by such Chaplain as the Speaker may appoint for that purpose, and in his absence by the "Clerk of The House," being read;

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto), the said Order was discharged.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto) then moved, that a Special Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the desirability of using a form of prayer in this Chamber; to be composed of Messrs. *Macdonald* (Toronto), *McCraney*, *Gibbs* (S. R. Ontario), *Wood*, *Blackburn*, *Goudge*, *Casgrain*, *Desjardins*, *McDonald* (Cape Breton), *Ryan*, *Carmichael*, *Platt*, and *Wright* (Ottawa County); which was agreed to, and the said Committee appointed accordingly.

The House then adjourned until Thursday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Morris*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to draw the water out of the Welland Canal next winter for the purpose of completing some work on said canal, or if any method can be devised to do this work without drawing off the water?

Mr. *Little*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the *Postmaster General* intends making such arrangements as will further prevent registered letters being tampered with; and if loss is sustained by the sender of such a letter whether compensation will be allowed by the Post-Office Department?

Mr. *Farrow*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Is it the intention of the Government this Session to give any relief to the struggling salt interests of this country by putting on small duty on salt (as was put on slate last year) coming from the United States into Canada?

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is their intention to introduce a Measure during this Session to alter the present mode of constituting the Senate in view of the fact that it has already been declared to be "inconsistent with the Federal principle upon which our Government is based, and destructive of the efficiency of a second Chamber?"

Mr. *Béchard*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a clear and complete statement of the property and business (assets, liabilities), of a Company bearing the name of "*Le Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*," incorporated under Chapter 102 of the Statutes of Canada, 36 Vic., (1873), and in particular,—

1. The amount of the subscribed Capital.
2. The amount of this Capital paid in.
3. The amount of Bonds in circulation.
4. The amount invested and secured by hypothecs.
5. The value of the real property hypothecated.
6. The amount of capital held as deposits from the time when the Company commenced business up to the 1st January last (1877.)

The said statement not to include the assets, debts, rights, actions, privileges, and hypothecs which the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*," may have acquired from any Building Society or Societies, established under Chapter 69 of the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, or resulting from any union or amalgamation between the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*" and any Company or Companies established under the last cited Act.

A separate and distinct, clear and complete statement of the property and business (assets and liabilities), of any such Company or Companies, so acquired and possessed by the said *Crédit Foncier*, to be made in like manner, in the form and manner first above mentioned up to the 1st January last (1877).

Further, copies of the various statements duly made and certified by the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*" since it commenced business up to the 1st January last.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence which may have passed between the Government of Canada or any of its officers and *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Lines in British Columbia, since the 26th May, 1875, also all Departmental Orders or Orders in Council since the same date in relation to the construction or maintenance of the said Telegraph Lines; or in relation to the claims made by the said *F. J. Bernard*, in consequence of the orders given him on the 9th April, 1875, to stop work on the said Telegraph Line in British Columbia.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a statement shewing each sum of money paid to *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Line in British Columbia, since the 10th February, 1875, also stating why each sum of money was so paid and giving the estimates, vouchers, reports and orders in virtue of which each such sum was so paid.

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Friday next—That this House do then go into Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending and consolidating as amended the several Acts respecting Insurance; repealing for that purpose the unrepealed portions of the Acts of Canada 31 V. c. 48—34 V. c. 9—37 V. c. 48—38 V. c. 21—part of the 23 sect of 38 V. c. 20 and chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada.

Mr. *Domville*—On Thursday next—That inasmuch as large quantities of Coal belonging to private persons or Corporations, while in course of transit over the Intercolonial Railway during the past year, were detained, forfeited or missappropriated for the use of the said Railway, an order of the House be issued for all papers, correspondence or telegrams relating to or in connection with Coal so detained forfeited or misappropriated and showing by whose authority such Coal was detained, forfeited or missappropriated, and whether such action has been ratified and approved by the Inspector of Government Railways or by the Government.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General—Praying that any returns which may be in possession of the Government relating to the number of failures, the assets and liabilities of Insolvent Estates, and more particularly of the number and character of the Compromises which have taken place throughout Canada during the last twelve months, may be laid before the House.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—That an Order of the House do issue for a return, setting forth, as nearly as the officers of the Government can do so, the amount of the revenue, paid by each Province of the Dominion, and the expenditures made therein on Dominion account during the past five years—namely 1872, '73, '74, '75 and '76 respectively; the return to show, further, the contributions and receipts *per capita* in each Province to and from the Public Exchequer.

Mr. *Tupper*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For all correspondence or papers in the possession of the Government relating to the improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of Partridge Island River; also, all papers or correspondence, relating to the repair and protection of the Pier at Partridge Island.

Mr. *Tupper*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General—for a Return of the Prospectus issued by the Hon. Minister of Finance in London for the last Loan—a statement of the time allowed for the reception of tenders and the period when the reception of Tenders was closed, with the several amounts offered by parties tendering, and the names of those whose tenders were accepted, and the amounts allotted to them respectively.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—for copies of correspondence regarding Postmaster at Great Bras d'Or, and the reason why *McLeod* did not get the office after he was appointed and had given sufficient Bonds to the Department; also, the names of the present Post Master and the names of the securities.

Mr. *Dymond*—On Thursday next—ORDERS OF THE HOUSE for a return of all convictions for Capital Offences including date of conviction, Name of Convict, locality in which the Crime was committed, and Action of the Government in each Case, for the three years ending December 31st, 1877.

Mr. *Orton*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a Mail on the Saint Clair Branch of the Canada Southern Railway the coming spring and if not why not?

Mr. *Ryan*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the distribution of Half-Breed Lands in the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. *J. C. Pope*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all reports in possession of the Department of Public Works, in connection with the Victoria Breakwater, Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island; also all correspondence relating to the same, received from the Government of Prince Edward Island, or any members of the Local Legislature there.

Mr. *J. C. Pope*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is their intention to place a sum in the Estimates for the improvement of Victoria Breakwater and Harbour, at Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island.

Mr. *McCarthy*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General—for a copy of the advertisement or notice issued calling for tenders for the performance of the Mail Service for the Season of 1876, on Lakes Huron and Superior between the ports on Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay and Prince Arthur's Landing, Duluth, &c.—the tender or tenders received in response,—any correspondence in relation thereto—the Order or Orders in Council (if any) passed as to the matter,—and the contract entered into for such service.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Thursday next—That an Order of this House do issue for a return giving a statement of all amounts paid to this date in connection with the purchase of 50,000 tons of Steel Rails, fastenings, &c., for the Pacific Railway, with the dates of such payments, and to whom paid, including all charges and commissions upon the same prior to their delivery in Canada; and all sums still remaining unpaid on account of such purchase.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Thursday next—That an Order of the House do issue for a return, showing the amounts paid for printing for the Post Office Department during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 respectively —said return to specify the Province in which said work was done—the nature of the work done—the name or names of the person or persons who performed such work, whether by contract or otherwise—and the name or names of the party or parties who received payment and gave receipts therefor.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Thursday next—That an order of this House do issue for a detailed statement of the expenses during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 in advertising on behalf of the Government or any public service in the public journals of the Dominion, the amount paid each journal respectively, and the purpose for which such money was paid; also the amount paid in subscriptions, for what papers paid and whether such papers were ordered for the use of the Public Departments for circulation in Europe, or otherwise.

No. 4.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Twenty-two Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Canada Southern Bridge Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time limited for the completion of certain works authorized by their Act of Incorporation, for the continuance of all their corporate powers, and for other purposes.

Of the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited), and of *J. M. Grover* and others, Provisional Directors of the London and Canada Bank; severally praying for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *J. B. Rottot*, President, and others, Directors of the St. Jacques Building Society; praying for the passing of an Act to extend their corporate powers.

Of *Charles Cox* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Maitland Marine Insurance Company.

Motion being made, that the Petition of *Henry Mitchell*, and others, Coal owners, and others interested in the Coal Trade and Shipping interests of the Dominion; praying that the duties imposed by the United States on Canadian Coal, may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all Coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of 50 cents per ton be imposed on all Coal imported into the Dominion, be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the prayer of this Petition involves a public charge, it cannot be received."

Motion being made, that the Petition of *R. M. Rolph*, and others, ex-Staff Sergeants of the Provisional Battalion of Infantry, at Fort Osborne, Manitoba; setting forth certain grievances, and praying for six months pay, and other compensation, be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of public money, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Select Committee appointed to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an Official Report of the Debates of the House, presented this Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Report of their Sub-Committee (herewith annexed) to whom was delegated the power to confer with and receive tenders from parties who might desire to undertake the Official Reporting of the Debates of the House, which they respectfully recommend for the concurrence of the House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ROSS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 13th February, 1877.

The Sub-Committee appointed to confer with and receive tenders from parties who might desire to undertake the Official Reporting of the Debates of the House, beg leave to Report that they have received tenders from Messrs. *Phelan, Richardson* and *Watson*, and considering the tender of Mr. *Richardson* as the most satisfactory, they beg leave to recommend its acceptance, under the regulations as contained in the First Report of the Committee and on the terms therein set forth, that the cost is not to exceed $5,500.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ROSS,
M. BOWELL,
A. H. DYMOND,
ALPH. DESJARDINS.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the said Report was concurred in.

Mr. *Mackenzie* laid before The House,—Report of the Chief Engineer of Public Works, on the progress of Canal Enlargement between Lake Erie and Montreal.

Mr. *Cartwright* laid before The House,—Statement of allowances and gratuities under the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 4, intituled: "An Act for the better ensuring the efficiency of the Civil Service of Canada, by providing for the superannuation of persons employed therein, in certain cases."

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, on Monday next; viz:

By Mr. *Irving*:—Bill No. 3 respecting Procedure and Evidence in criminal cases.

By Mr. *Blain*:—Bill No. 4 to repeal the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 49, intituled: "An Act to authorize Corporations and institutions incorporated, without the limits of Canada, to lend and invest moneys therein

By Mr. *Dymond*:—Bill No. 5 to amend the Act relating to Criminal Procedure, by allowing persons charged with crime, to give evidence as witnesses for the defence.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, the Report of the Select Committee, to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House, in so far as it relates to the following Committees, viz.:—On Privileges and Elections; on Expiring Laws; on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines; on Miscellaneous Private Bills; on Printing; on Public Accounts; on Banking and Commerce; and on Immigration and Colonization, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, requesting that they will unite with this House in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament; and informing their Honors that the Members of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, viz.:—Messrs. *Bourassa, Bowell, Charlton, Church, Delorme, Desjardins, De Veber, Goudge, Lanthiér, Ross* (Middlesdx), *Ross* (Prince Edward), *Stephenson, Thompson* (Haldimand), *Trow*, and *Wallace* (Norfolk), will act as Members of the said Joint Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Burpee* presented, in obedience to an Order of the House on the 20th March, 1876; Statement of all Steam Fire Engines imported into the Dominion of Canada, shewing the class of such Engines, by whom entered, the Country whence imported, the value at which entered, and the amount of duty thereon, from 1st July, 1867, to 22nd March, 1876.

Mr. *Cartwright* laid before The House,—Statement of payments charged to *Unforeseen Expenses* under Orders in Council, from 1st July, 1876, to date, in accordance with the Act 39 *Victoria*, Chapter 1, Schedule B.

He also laid before The House,—Statement of Expenditure to date on account *New South Wales Exhibition*, under authority of Special Warrant of His Excellency the Governor General, dated, 21st December, 1876, for $25,000.

On motion of Mr. *Flynn* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of instructions from the Department of Inland Revenue to Inspectors, in connection with the Weight and Measures Act; together with the names and salaries of each Inspectors, and Sub-Inspectors.

Mr. *Brouse* moved that The House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That some substantial recognition should be given those loyal Volunteers who defended the British Flag during the troubles of 1837 and '38 in this country. And therefore it is the opinion of this House that an area of the Wild Lands of the Dominion should be granted them, not less equal in extent, to that offered to the Immigrant Settler.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Mitchell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and Her Majesty's Government in relation to Legislation affecting Merchant Shipping ;—

Also copies of instructions given to Mr. *William Smith*, Deputy of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on his recent mission to England in connection with the above subject together with all correspondence relating thereto, had between the said Deputy and Her Majesty's Government or any of the officials thereof;—

Also all correspondence had in relation to such mission between the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the said Deputy with the report of the said Deputy in relation to such mission.

On motion of Mr. *Domville* it was *Resolved*,—That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officers for a statement shewing the following particulars in regard to a Main Brick Sewer constructed through the Station yard of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton during the past year.

1. The Parliamentary Authority under which the expenditure was made.
2. Plan shewing the locality, size and extent of the work, and the buildings served thereby.
3. The cubic yards each, of earth and rock excavation; the days' labour and amount expended in making such excavations; the quantity each of stone, bricks, lime and cement used and the amount paid therefor at the place whence received; the amount paid or allowed and charged for transportation; the number of days' labour and amount expended in laying the bricks and stone work; the quantity of material used in covering and the days' labour and amount expended in covering the sewer.
4. The particulars of all other amounts charged as for such Main Sewer.
5. The total cost of the Sewer.
6. The names of the persons from whom, and the places whence, each lot of material was procured, and the amount paid to each person therefor, with the date of payment.
7. The statement to shew how the charges in connection with the sewer have been classified and entered in the Public Accounts.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement showing :—

1. The original size and cost, exclusive of heating apparatus, of the brick building at Moncton known as the general offices of the Intercolonial Railway.
2. The size and cost of the additions to such building.
3. The original cost of the heating apparatus and of any additions made during the year of 1876.
4. A plan of each of the four floors of said building as at present arranged, showing the purpose to which each of the rooms is appropriated.
5. The Parliamentary authority for the various expenditures.
6. The names of all persons who may have been employed as Inspectors, Firemen or Supervisors of such work, the time allowed to each and the wages paid them. In case any part of the work was done under contract, the statement to show the fact, the date and amount of the contract and the name of the contractor.

The statement to show the items or particulars of cost, as well as the total amount expended in each case, and the manner in which the expenditures have been classified.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement showing the expenditure incurred during the last two years ending January 31st, 1877, for carpets, curtains, dining and bed room furniture, fixings, fittings and utensils, linen, crockery, china, cutlery, and silver ware; also for desks, tables, chairs, sofas, lounges, pictures and fittings for the General Offices of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton. The statement to give the name and cost of each item and to include all articles furnished by any department or branch of the Railway Service.

Also,—an Order of the House for a Statement from the proper Intercolonial Railway official shewing the quantities, kinds and cost of rails, fish-plates, bolts and nuts, spikes and sleepers, as follows :—

On hand but not in use on 30th June, 1875—received during the year ending 30th June, 1876—used and otherwise disposed of during the same period—the balance on hand but not in use at that date—received during the six months ending 31st December, 1876—used and otherwise disposed of during the same period—and the balance on hand but not in use on the 31st December last.

The statement to shew the date when each lot was received, the quantity, the place whence received, parties from whom purchased, name of the vessel freighting rails, fish-plates, &c., amount of freight paid, and also the names of all persons to whom any such material was sold, the quantities so disposed of and the prices received therefor.

Also,—an Order of the House for a Statement shewing the authority under which two dwelling-houses with stables and outbuildings were erected during the past summer, at Moncton, for the use of the resident Engineer and Traffic Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway; the amount authorized to be expended and the amount actually expended, the statement to be accompanied by statements shewing in detail all charges made for such works, and the accounts to which such charges have been entered in the books of the railway; such statement to be so made up as to shew the following particulars:—

1. The quantity, kind and cost of stone used in the cellars and foundations.
2. Labor and cost of procuring the same.
3. Cost of erecting foundations and cellars.
4. Cost of foundations not used and its subsequent removal.
5. Cost of labor and material, used in constructing drains and of connecting same with main sewer.
6. Amount paid for waterpipes and for laying the same, giving the size and length of such pipes, the cost of tanks, baths, pumps, sinks, closets and fixtures in connection therewith.
7. Cost each of chimnies, grates, stoves, woodwork, plastering, earth embankment and fencing.
8. Cost of Inspection.

The statement shall give the names of places from which the stones were procured, the number of days the trackmen were employed in procuring such stone and the amount charged to the buildings therefor, and the amount allowed or charged for freight on the same.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing the quantity of work done in enlarging the Railway Water-Works at Moncton during the year 1876, with the particulars of all expenditures in connection therewith.

Also,– an Order of The House for a Statement giving full particulars of all expenditure made in constructing restaurant, enlarging the store-house, erecting freight-house, altering and improving the station house, constructing sidings, erecting coal sheds and trestle works, constructing platforms, ballasting, tracks and grading the yard, and other such work done in the Railway station yard at Moncton during the the year 1876.

Also,—an Order of The House for a statement giving a full account of all accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway since 1st July last giving the locality and cause of each, the damage done, the cost of repairs to stock indemnification to persons for goods damaged or injuries sustained, and the action taken in regard to any dereliction of duty which may have caused such accident.

Also,—an Address to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of any Orders in Council and of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or his Traffic Superintendent and the Minister of Customs, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the Minister of Public Works in regard to the appointment of Mr. *James McAlister* to the position of Cashier of the Intercolonial Railway, the creation of the office of Dominion Auditor at Moncton, the transfer of Mr. *McAlister* thereto, the appointment of Mr. *Charles D. Thompson* to the position of Cashier, the subsequent removal of Mr. *Thompson*, the abolition of the office of Dominion Auditor and the reappointment of Mr. *James McAlister* to the office of Cashier; also in regard to the subsequent provision made for Mr. *Thompson*.

Also, –an Order of The House for a Statement made up so as to shew for each month of the two years ending 31st December, 1876, the following particulars in relation to the working and management of the Intercolonial Railway:—

1. The number of miles run by the engines in each service, as follows:—Ordinary passenger trains; special passenger trains; freight trains; mixed trains; construction trains; with the mileage made by each description of cars used in each service.
2. The gross working expenses, without deductions, made up in accordance with the general classification of the Railway accounts.
3. The particulars of all charges made for the use of engines and cars as well as for railway freight, debited to the various services and deducted from the working expenses of the Railway. This statement to shew the deductions as made from each subdivision of the expenses and to what service such deductions were charged.
4. The average in detail before and after such deductions have been made.
5. A statement giving full and detailed information in relation to the special trains for the conveyance of passengers or officers of the Railway, which were run from the 1st July, 1875, to the 31st December, 1876. The statement to shew whence and where to each such train was run, and the date; the distance; the names of the conductors and engine-driver in charge, the reason for running it, the amount received for each service and the expenses incidental thereto.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement giving copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or any official in charge of a department of the Intercolonial Railway and the Phœnixville Iron Company, or any other person, from a company in the state of Pennsylvania, in relation to any offers for bridge superstructure, iron roofs, turn-tables, engines, cars, work, supplies or other matter or thing since 31st December, 1875, whether such correspondence has been in the form of tender of otherwise, stating upon the face of any offer if the same has been accepted.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement giving a full account of all charges made and expenses incurred for changing the guage of the Intercolonial Railway, and shewing how the expenditure is classified in the Railway Accounts.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing the names, ages, denomination, date of appointment, occupation and salary of all persons, except ordinary mechanics and laborers, who were in the service of the Intercolonial Railway on the 31st March, 1876; Also a separate statement giving similar information in regard to persons who were in the service of the Railway on the 31st December last.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement giving a full epitome of all offers, or tenders made from the 30th June, 1875, to 31st December, 1876, to any authorized officer of the Intercolonial Railway, for each of the following: Wheels, Axles, Springs, Tubes, Tools, Stoves, Iron, Iron-work, Iron Roofs, Bridge Superstructure, Cars, Ploughs, Oil, Tallow, Waste, Fuel, Rails, Frogs, Spikes, and other principal supplies, and also for Buildings, Snow Sheds, or any description of work usually done by contract; the statement to include the names of the parties, who made such offers, and the names of those whose offers were accepted, as well as the names of those who in any case were invited to submit offers, and the names of those, if any, whose contracts were cancelled, and giving the cause thereof.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement showing the names and address of all persons, firms or Companies, who supplied materials or stores of any kind, during the two years ending 31st December 1876, for the use of the Intercolonial Railway; such statement to show opposite each name, the date, general character of the goods supplied, the amount of the purchase and the reference number of the receipt taken when the goods were paid for.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement giving a general description and cost of each of the works of the Intercolonial Railway, not chargeable to ordinary maintenances, which have been constructed during the two years ending 31st December, 1876; by days' labor or private arrangement, giving the name of the Engineer and Inspector under whose immediate supervision the work was done.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement giving copies of any agreement, arrangement or correspondence in pursuance of which the officers of the Intercolonial Railway, are insured with the Guarantee Company of Canada, such statement to be accompanied by statement shewing, who of the officers of such Railway have been so insured, the amount of such insurance, the premiums paid in each case, and the amount of insurance paid by the said Guarantee Company on any policy.

Also,—an Order for The House for a Statement shewing (1st) the arrangement made for insuring the Employees of the Intercolonial Railway against accidents (2nd) the monthly deductions made from the wages or salaries of such Employees, on account of said insurance from the time the Government undertook the risks up to 31st December last and (3rd) the particulars of all amounts paid out of the Railway on account of such insurance.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement approximately shewing the following particulars in regard to the traffic of the Intercolonial Railway for each of the six months preceding the 1st January last:

1. The number of tons of through freight forwarded to each Station of the Intercolonial from any Station on the Grand Trunk Railway, shewing in each case the total freight charges thereon, the amount of such charges apportioned to each Railway, the whole number of tons carried per mile on each line, the average receipts per ton per mile by each line, and the amount paid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company for the mileage of their cars used on the Intercolonial.

2. The like particulars respecting through freight forwarded to each Station on the Grand Trunk Railway from any Station on the Intercolonial.

3. The number of tons of local freight forwarded to each Station on the Intercolonial from each other Station, shewing the freight charges thereon, the whole number of tons carried per mile and the average receipts per ton per mile.

4. The number of local and through passengers carried, shewing the Intercolonial Railway proportion of the sums received therefor, the whole number carried per mile and the average receipts per passenger per mile.

5. The Revenue arising from each other source.

6. The total Revenue.

7. The number of tons of freight received at Halifax from any European steamer or vessel and transported over the Intercolonial, on through Bills of Lading or otherwise, to points beyond River du Loup, and shewing the Intercolonial Railway's proposition of the freight charges thereon and the average receipts per ton per mile.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing (1st) the names, occupation and salary of all persons appointed to any office or place except that of laborer in connection with the construction and management of the Intercolonial Railway during the year ending 31st December, 1876, (2) the amount of any increase made in the salary of any General Officer, Superintendent, Engineer, Clerk, Inspector or other Officer of the Intercolonial Railway during the same period.

The statement to show also the names, occupation and remuneration of all persons who have served in the capacity of Clerk in any office during the year but who have not been regularly or permanently appointed to positions in the Railway service.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing the several amounts paid to each of the Newspaper Proprietors in Canada for advertising done in connection with the Intercolonial Railway during the year ending 31st December, 1876; also, shewing the particulars of the several amounts paid to any person, firm or Company for Placards, Posters, Show-bills, Illuminated Cards, Railroad Maps, Shew-frames, Time-tables or other means of advertising, also, the several amounts paid to Newspaper Proprietors, the year, for Printing of all kinds, and stating whether done under contract or otherwise.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing the monthly sales of Season, also of commutation tickets, at each Station of the Intercolonial Railway for a period of eighteen months preceding the 31st December last.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement giving full information in relation to the arrangement made between the Government or their representative and the Pullman Palace Car Company, in pursuance of which their cars are run on the Intercolonial Railway, such statement to be accompanied by copy of the agreement and a statement giving an account of all expenses incurred by the Government for transporting the cars, and for cleaning, painting, repairing, and lighting them since they were put upon the line to the 31st December last, as far as practicable.

Also,—an Order of The House for a statement giving copies of any arrangement made between the Government Railways and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for the interchange of cars and transportation of passengers and freight.

Also,—an Order of The House for a statement shewing the various tariffs for the carriage of freight on the Intercolonial Railway, which have been in operation since 1st January, 1875, together with the changes made therein; the return to be accompanied by a statement shewing all special rates granted from time to time since 1st January, 1876, to persons and companies or particular stations, and also shewing the Parliamentary authority under which these several tariffs have been issued.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing the particulars of all amounts in addition to salary paid to any General or Departmental officer of the Intercolonial Railway during the year 1876.

Also,—an Order of the House for a Statement shewing which of the Bridges and Culverts of the Intercolonial Railway between Pictou and Halifax received extensive repairs and alterations or were renewed in part or in whole during the seasons of 1875 and 1876; also a statement giving the quantity and cost of each kind of material procured therefor, the persons from whom and the place whence it was obtained, the cost of transportation, the amount and cost of labor expended, and generally full particulars in regard to the work in each case.

Also,—an Order of The House for a Statement shewing all claims made against the Intercolonial Railway for damages or loss of any kind sustained by private individuals resulting from working the railway during the year 1876, also shewing what was paid thereon, and how disposed of.

Also,—an Order of The House for all papers, correspondence and telegrams relating to property on the Marsh Road in the County of St. John, New Brunswick, alleged to have been damaged by Fire from Locomotives on the Intercolonial Railway.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a copy of Mr. *Langmuir's* Report on the Marine Hospital at Quebec.

On motion of Mr. *Schultz* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of correspondence between the Minister of the Interior, or the Surveyor-General, and the Dominion Lands Agent at Winnipeg, relative to the Railway Reserves within the Province of Manitoba.

On motion of Mr. *Mitchell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Statement of accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway in the County of Northumberland—the number of cattle which have been killed by locomotives on said Railway—with a statement of the causes of such accidents and whether the same has arisen from want of fencing along the line of said Road or otherwise—with a list of claims made by proprietors of cattle killed or injured—amounts paid on such claims—with a statement of claims rejected and the reason of such rejection; also a statement as to whether it is the intention of Government to erect a fence on the said line of Railway where none now exist in the vicinity of the Town of Newcastle.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return shewing the quantity of iron rails removed from the Government Railways—Railway Companies to which they have been loaned—the date of such loans—the counties and districts through which said Railways run—the quantity loaned to each Railway Company—the terms upon which such loans have been made—the nature of the security given by each Railway Company to secure the return of said iron rails—the names of the directors of the Companies respectively to which iron rails have been loaned, together with all correspondence between the Government and any Company or individual making application for such loans.

On motion of Mr. *Laurier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments not already laid before The House, concerning the mode of exercising the power of disallowance of Provincial Acts.

Also,—a further Address, for copies of all correspondence between the Federal and any of the Provincial Governments since the establishment of Confederation, concerning the disallowance of Provincial Acts or the action on Provincial Bills reserved.

On motion of Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew) it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a classified Return of imports and exports of live stock, showing place from whence it comes and destination; for each quarter, from March 1st, 1875, to January 1st, 1877, and for the month of January, 1877.

On motion of Mr. *Desjardins* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer for a return from the 1st January, 1875, to the 1st January, 1877, shewing the quantities of different grades of sugar imported from Europe, British and Foreign West Indies and the United States; also the value of each such importations, and the duties paid thereon.

Mr. *Caron* moved that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Statement shewing the names of all persons superannuated or placed on the retired list from 1st January 1876, to this date.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *De Cosmos* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of all correspondence that has passed between the Postal Department at Ottawa and Post Office Inspector of British Columbia in 1876 and 1877, respecting the Ocean Mail Service between Victoria and San Francisco; also a copy of all correspondence between the contractors for said service and the Postal Department within the said period.

Mr. *Béchard* moved, that the Entry in the Journals of this House of the 3rd April, 1876, relating to the Petition of *F. X. A. Biron*, Notary, and others, of the District of Richelieu, complaining of the conduct of Mr. Justice *Loranger*, be now read; which was agreed to.

And the Entry in the Journals, in relation thereto, having been read;

Mr. *Béchard* moved, that a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Béchard, Holton, MacDonnel (Inverness), Appleby, Kirkpatrick, Irving, Masson, Desjardins, Brooks, Baby, Jetté, Taschereau,* and *Laurier,* be appointed to enquire into the administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec; and that the Petition of *F. X. A. Biron,* Notary, and others, of the said District of Richelieu, complaining of the conduct of the Honorable *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger,* Judge of the Superior Court of the said Province of Quebec, and the Petition of the Hon. Mr. Justice *Loranger* be referred to the said Committee, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time,—which was agreed to, and the said Committee appointed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Blake,* it was *Resolved,* That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the said Committee, be examined upon oath.

On motion of Mr. *Barthe,* an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of the Petitions of *T. D. Latour* and others, dated the 5th June, 1874, and the 2nd November, 1875, presented to the Government, concerning the Hon. Mr. Justice *Loranger,* and of all correspondence relating thereto.

Mr. *Mackenzie* delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN,

The Governor General, transmits to the House of Commons, the Report of a Commission appointed by Order in Council of 22nd July, 1876, to enquire into the affairs of the Northern Railway Company of Canada.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 15th February, 1877.

The House then adjourned.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Devlin*—On Tuesday, 6th March—Appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into and report upon the expediency of providing some system by which a more equal and just representation of all the electors, minorities as well as majorities, may be secured, and that with this view they be respectfully requested to investigate the system originated by Mr. *Thomas Hare*.

Mr. *Devlin*—On Tuesday, 6th March—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Government or any of its Departments and the Emigration Agents stationed in Ireland respecting the sending out of emigrants from that country to Canada and the manner and under what circumstances pecuniary assistance could be given and to what extent and whether by all the Agents or only one of them also for copies of the instructions given to said Agents as to the discharge of their duties and the places fixed for their Headquarters, also all correspondence had with the Agency in London respecting the sending out of Irish emigrants to Canada and all correspondence regarding the removal of the Agent who was stationed in Manchester to Belfast and regarding the removal of the Agent who was stationed in Cork to London and regarding the powers conferred upon the Agent stationed in Ulster.

Mr. *Rouleau*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all letters, correspondence, telegrams, &c., asking or having reference to the appointment of *Thomas Jacques Taschereau*, Esquire, as Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Dorchester, at the Election held in the month of December 1875.

Mr. *Costigan*—On Monday next—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return of the names, offices, salaries, present residences, dates of appointments, and national origin of all officers appointed to the Civil Service of the Dominion since November, 1873.

Mr. *Ryan*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Return of shewing the number of cases tried and disposed of under the provisions of the 38th Vic., cap. 53, entitled "An Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in Manitoba.

Mr. *Borron*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has the amount of arrears of annuity owing to the Indians on the North Shores of Lake Huron and Superior, under what is known as "The Robinosn Treaty," been definitely ascertained ? If so, what may the amount thereof be ?

Mr. *Forbes*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any arrangement has been made t afford more frequent mail communication between the Dominion and the British and Foreign West Indies, in the future than there is at present?

Mr. *Forbes*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Return of the number of Commissioners for Indian Grants in Nova Scotia; the Counties over which each presides; the amount annually placed in the hands of each District Commissioner in the Province of Nova Scotia; the amount distributed in each County; also, the names of the Commissioners who have made returns to the Government.

Mr. *DeCosmos*—On Wednesday next—That a Committee of twelve be appointed to enquire into the progress made with the surveys of the Line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report to this House from time to time.

Mr. *Greenway*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether or not it is their intention to place in the Estimates a sum sufficient to protect work already done and further improve Bayfield Harbor on Lake Huron ?

Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to subsidize a line of Steamers, to run between Ports in the Province of Ontario and Ports in the Island of Cape Breton the coming summer ?

Mr. *St. Jean*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return shewing the names of all veterans who have proved their right to partake in the grant of $50,000 voted last session by Parliament in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and '15, and the action taken in each case during the current financial year.

Mr. *Bunster*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying that he will be pleased to cause a Tariff to be passed for the Province of British Columbia, for the protection of farming and other Industrial interests of the Province, inasmuch as there are certain exceptional circumstances connected with British Columbia which do not exist in any of the other Provinces of the Dominion.

Mr. *Farrow*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all Orders in Council passed having reference to the Goderich Harbor Works in 1874 together with a copy of the notice or advertisement calling for tenders for such work---The tenders received in response,and all correspondence in relation thereto, with the contract entered into for the performance of such work.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the "Act respecting the Inland Revenue" and to provide for the imposition of a license duty of fifty dollars on each importer or manufacturer (not a manufacturer of beer, wash or spirits, or a rectifier of spirits) of stills, worms, fermenting tuns or other apparatus suitable for the manufacture of beer, wash or spirits.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the "Act to impose License dues on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient further to amend the "Act to provide for the inspection of Gas and Gas Meters."

Mr. *Masson*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—What progress has been made towards the settlement of the question of the North-Western boundary of the Province of Ontario?

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all Orders in Council authorizing or relating to the construction of the Fort Francis Locks or Canal; all papers, correspondence, instructions to Engineers and reports of Engineers and others pointing out the advantage to be gained from this Public Work, and giving an estimate of its cost and of the cost of the entire works necessary to attain the object for which it is proposed to build the Canal.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying for a return of the instructions given to the Commission appointed to investigate into the affairs of the Northern Railway, with a copy of their report and the evidence taken by them.

Mr. *Casey*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return of both the inside and outside Divisions of the Civil Service by Departments shewing

A.—1st. Number of Employees in each division and in the whole service, arranged according to classes in both divisions where practicable or according to grades of Office in outside service where no other classification has been established.

2nd. Total salary paid in each division and in the whole service during financial year, shewing also

(*a*)—Total paid in each class or grade during current year.

(*b*)—Maximum, minimum and average salaries payable in each class or grade, with statement of annual increments of bonuses allowed.

3rd. Maximum, minimum and average age of Employees in each class or grade shewing

(*a*)—Number of Employées in each class or grade.

Over 18 and under 20 years of age.
" 20 " 25 "
" 25 " 30 "
" 30 " 40 "
" 40 " 50 "
" 50 " 60 "
" 60 " 70 "

B.—1st. Number in each clsss or grade and total who entered service before the establishment of Civil Service examinations.

2nd. Number in each class or grade and total appointed to each class or grade in each year since Confederation.

(*a*)—As possessing special qualifications, but who were submitted to no general or special examination to test such qualifications;

(*b*)—Not on the ground of special qualifications but who were submitted to no general or special examination;

(*c*)—After undergoing a general or special examination noting which class of examination has been submitted to, and noting the number who passed from the number who failed to pass but were nevertheless appointed or continued in appointments, and also the number examined and rejected.

(*d*)—Numbers of Cases in which Examination preceded appointment and *vice versa*.

C.—1st Regulations respecting ordinary and special examinations and appointments made under the system of examinations.

2nd Such other regulations for the management of the service as are not established by Statute.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return of all Lands surrendered by the Dominion Government to the Government of Manitoba for road purposes.

Mr. *Landerkin*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled An Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875 with reference to liabilities between Traders and non-Traders.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns in detail of all expenses incurred and moneys expended in the payment of Engineers, Surveyors, &c., for services rendered, as well as for horse hire, etc., in connection with the surveys of the North Branch of the River Sydenham from the forks at Wallaceburgh to the Village of Wilkesport, in the year 1876.

Mr. *Brouse*---On Monday next---SELECT COMMITTEE to examine and report upon the subject of Vital Statistics and public health, with power to send for persons and papers..

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Monday next--ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a copy of every tender received since November last, by the Postal Department for carrying the mails in British Columbia, shewing the tenderers and their securities;---also a copy of all telegrams and letters received or sent by the Postal Department respecting the same.

Mr. *McCarthy*—On Monday next--ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a copy of all Reports or statements made as to the construction or attempted construction of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway, under contract by the Hon. *A. B. Foster;* as all correspondence between the Hon. Mr. *Foster* and the Government as to the said contract or the work done thereunder, or the failure to perform the same, any Departmental Orders or Orders in Council passed as to the matter of the said Public Work, especially the order as to the cancellation of said contract; together with a statement of the service or services for which the sum of $109,000.50 has been paid to the said *A. B. Foster* on account of said contract.

Mr. *Tupper*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Return shewing all amounts carried over by Order in Council to the end of the Financial Year under the authority of Chapter 2nd of the Acts of last Session, with copies of the Orders in Council.

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OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Mr. Speaker said:—"In respect to the Petition of *Henry Mitchell*, and others, interested in the Coal "Trade and Shipping interests of the Dominion, which was not received yesterday, I have to state to The "House that I have since considered the question carefully. The objection to the asking of bounties will, "I think, only apply to cases where an individual or individuals personally interested, ask for such bounty "as will be profitable to themselves. Where the Petition is of a general character, and is signed by persons, "other than those immediately interested, and in fact asks for a modification, or change of the financial or "fiscal policy of the Dominion, on the ground that such change will be beneficial to the Country at large, "then such a Petition stands precisely in the same position, as one asking for an imposition of taxes for "general purposes. On examination of this Petition I may state, that I see no reason to conclude, that it is "signed exclusively by persons immediately and directly interested, and I am therefore of opinion that it "can be properly received."

Five Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz:—Of the London and Ontario Investment Company, Limited; for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation;—of the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company Limited; for the passing of an Act to legalize and confirm any Acts done by the said Company, under the authority of certain Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and for other purposes;—of the Canada Southern Bridge Company; for the passing of an Act to extend the time limited for the completion of certain works authorized by their Act of incorporation for the continuance of all their corporate powers, and for other purposes;—of *Charles Cox*, and others; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Maitland Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; a Statement of all claims made by private individuals or corporations, in relation to the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, within the limits of the Province of Quebec; shewing the claims which have been settled, the amount of each such claim, and the amount awarded; also the claims which have not been settled, the amount of each such claim, and why the same has not been settled.

Also,—in obedience to the Order of The House of the 29th March, 1876; for Returns shewing the names of the valuators employed on the Intercolonial Railway, in the Counties of Temiscouata and Rimouski, for the purchase of lands, the valuation of damages, &c., the period of time during which each such valuator was employed and the salary paid in each case;

Also, a list of all claims fyled with the Government for damages caused by the expropriation of lands or the passing of the line of Railway through the said counties; the amount allowed by the valuator on each of the said claims, with the names of those who accepted the offer made to them and the names of those who refused.

Mr. *Vail* presented,---Return to Address of the 27th March, 1876; for a Copy of all correspondence between the Dominion Government, and the Government of Quebec, relating to the Jesuits Barracks in the City of Quebec; together with all the *Memorandums* and Orders in Council, relating to the same.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Return to Address of the 8th March, 1876; for a Return of all the number of suits instituted before the Supreme Court; and of the number of Judgments rendered by the said Court.

On motion of Mr. *Rymal* it was *Resolved*, That the propriety of extending the time for the reception of Petitions for Private Bills be referred to the Select Standing Committees on Miscellaneous Private Bills, and on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Goudge* introduced a Bill (No. 6.) to incorporate the Maitland Marine Insurance Company.—Second reading on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of amending and consolidating, as amended, the several Acts respecting Insurance, repealing for that purpose the unrepealed portions of the Acts of Canada 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48---34 *Victoria*, Chapter 9---37 *Victoria*, Chapter 48---38 *Victoria*, Chapter 21---part of the 23rd Section of 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 20---and Chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :---

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend and consolidate, as amended, the several Acts respecting Life Insurance; repealing for that purpose the unrepealed portions of the Acts of Canada 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48---34 *Victoria*, Chapter 9---37 *Victoria*, Chapter 48---38 *Victoria*, Chapter 21---part of the 23rd Section of 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 20---and Chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received on Monday next.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill (No. 2) to repeal the Insolvent Acts now in force in the Dominion of Canada, being read;

On motion of Mr. *Barthe*, the said Order was discharged, and to stand the first Order of the Day, on Monday, the 26th instant.

On motion of Mr. *Perry* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of contract with Mr. *Sewell* for building the Steamer "Northern Light"; the Report of the Inspector and Government Agent, Telegrams and all other documents, connected with the building of said Steamer.—Also correspondence between the Department at Ottawa, and the Agent at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and the number of trips made up to date.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer for Returns of all Tenders and Contracts for the construction of a Harbour at Ingonish, Nova Scotia, the names of the parties to whom the contract was awarded; shewing if it was awarded to the lowest tender; the names of the parties to whom the contract was subsequently transferred and of their securities since the commencement of the work; the dates of such Transfers; the amount of the original contract; and if the contract has been completed in accordance with the original plans and specification, if not, the reason why; also if the contract has been taken off the hand of the contractors, and if so, when; also what portion of the original plans and specifications have not been finished or completed and what further sums are to be paid to the contractors for what work they have performed, and if it is the intention to finish the works in accordance with the original plans and specifications; also the amount paid for superintendence of contract and to whom paid; also copies of correspondence between the Government and the contractor relative to relieving him of the contract in order that he might contest the County of Victoria for the vacant seat.

Mr. *Campbell* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of correspondence with *John Baine*, *Angus Morrison*, and *Charles L. Campbell*, regarding their dismissal from office as seizing and landing officers at *Great Bras d' Or*, and the reasons for said dismissals.

And a Debate arising thereon,— the said Debate was, on motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, adjourned.

Mr. *Cartwright* delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the Service of the Dominion, for the year ending, 30th June, 1878; and in accordance with the provisions of "*The British North America Act*, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 16th February, 1877.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Masson*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion and the Imperial Governments from the month of October, 1873 to the 31st December 1874, and relating to the appointment of Senators for the Dominion.

Mr. *White* (Renfrew)—On Tuesday next—BILL entitled an Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875 and to make the said Act operative within the Temporary Judicial District of Nipissing.

Mr. *Bolduc*—On Monday next—BILL to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Mr. *Gill*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY---Whether it is to the knowledge of the Government, that there is to be found on the upper part of the River St. Maurice, in the Province of Quebec, a tribe of Indians called *Tête-de-Brule,* numbering about 200 souls;---that their hunting grounds have been overrun by *Lumbermen* without any compensation, that they have never received anything from the Crown;—and whether it is the intention of the Government to grant them any assistance in their poverty and to give them the same protection as is given to all other Indians?

Sir *John Macdonald*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—When the office of Judge of the County Court for the Counties of Leeds and Grenville became vacant. Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a successor, and if so when?

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for the report of the Engineers, and other documents relating to the proposed Graving Dock in the harbor of Quebec.

Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton)—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a copy of returns from Pilotage Authorities for the year 1876—showing the names of all Pilots, and the amount paid to each—Also the amount paid to the secretaries of the different Pilotage Authorities from Pilotage funds, also balance at credit of Pilotage Authorities on January 1st, 1877, where deposited, and what rate of interest, also copy of rules and regulations of the said Pilotage Authorities.

Mr. *Mills*—On Tuesday next—BILL "An Act to make provision respecting the Geological and Natural History of Canada and for the maintenance of a Museum in connection therewith.

Mr. *Pope* (Queens)—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for return shewing the total amount of cost of the Steamer "Northern Light,"—also a detailed account of any and all expenditure in connection with the said steamer up to 31st January last.

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton)—On Monday next—That the petition of *Henry Mitchell* and others be referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. *MacGregor, Norris, Flynn, Campbell* (Victoria), *Power, Robinson, Tupper, C. B. Fraser, Workman, McDonald* (Toronto), and the mover, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and things in the premises.

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—List of Shareholders of *La Banque du Peuple*, on the 31st January, 1877, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Twelve Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Northern Railway Company of Canada; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act known as "The Northern Railway Act, 1875," and to authorise the said Company to raise by way of Preference Capital or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the financial engagements of the said Company, and for other purposes.

Of *William Patton* and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association.

Of *Joseph Harris McClellan*, of the Township of Pickering, County of Ontario, and Province of Ontario, Merchant; praying for the passing of an Act to vest in him the property and powers of the Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company.

Of the Metropolitan Bank; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to wind up its affairs by collecting and realizing its assets, providing for its liabilities, and for other purposes.

Of the Montreal, Portland, and Boston Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the completion of their Railway, and for further Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *J. Barsalou* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company.

Of *Edward M. Hodder, F.R.C.S.*, and others, of Toronto; of Messrs. *James Duncan* and Company and others, of Charlottetown; of *Patrick Trainor* and others, of Souris; and of *Donald Montgomery* and others, of Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, interested in the navigation of the St. Lawrence; severally praying for further improvements to facilitate the navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

Of *J. H. Berow* and others; of *C. N. Cramer* and others; of *Charles W. Johnson* and others, and of *N. S. Whippal* and others, Captains of Steamers and Vessels employed in navigating the Dominion Canals; praying that the navigation upon the Canals during Sundays, especially in the night time, may not be suspended.

Of *Squire W. Hill*, Master of Dominion Grange and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Of the Saint Francis and Megantic International Railway Company; praying for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and for power to change the name of the Company to that of the International Railway Company.

Of the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Insurance Company; praying that the Act relating to Insurance Companies may be declared not to have applied or to apply to the said Company, or that they may be authorized to wind up its affairs.

Of *A. H. Moore* and others, of the City of Montreal; praying for an Act or Incorporation under the name of the Canada Beef and Butter Company (Limited.)

Of the Provisional Directors of the Canada Atlantic Cable Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the works of the Company, and for further Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Bank of British North America; praying for the passing of an Act to extend and apply the provisions of section 56 of chapter 5, 34 *Victoria*, intituled "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the said Bank.

Motion being made, that the Petitions of the several Boards of Trade, of the City of Detroit, U. S.,—of the City of Chicago, U. S.,—of the City of Oswego, U. S.,—of the City of Toledo, U. S.,—of the City of Cleveland, U. S.,—and of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Milwaukee, U. S., severally praying for some mitigation of the evils attendant upon the detention of Steamers and vessels with passengers, crews, and cargoes upon the Canals from Saturday night, until Monday morning, be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That these Petitions could not be received, on the ground that aliens, not "resident in this Country, had no right to petition this Parliament, and that this House could not receive "any Petitions from such persons."

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Notices given on the Petition of *J. M. Grover*, and other Provisional Directors of the London and Canada Bank, for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation, and find them sufficient.

The time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire *to-day*, and the Committee recommend that the same may be extended for ten days, and the time for receiving Private Bills, and Reports thereon, for a similar period.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto), from the Special Committee appointed to consider and report the desirability of using a form of prayer in this Chamber, presented a Report, which is as follows:—

The Committee are of the opinion that it is desirable that the business of the House should be opened, each day, by prayer to Almighty God to invoke His blessing upon its deliberations, and they submit to the consideration of The House, the following form of prayer as one suitable to be used on that occasion, viz:—

"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of prin-"ces, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy "favor to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and so replenish her with the grace of "thy Holy Spirit that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue her plenteously with "Heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and "overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through "Jesus Christ Our Lord.—*Amen.*"

"Almighty God, the Fountain of all Goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Albert Edward, Prince "of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit: "Enrich them with Thy Heavenly Grace: prosper them with all happiness: and bring them to Thine "everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.—*Amen.*"

"Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and "Ireland, and Her Majesty's other Dominions in general, so especially for this Dominion, and herein more "particularly for the Governor General, the Senate, and the House of Commons, in their legislative capacity "at this time assembled; that Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the "advancement of thy glory, the safety, honor, and welfare of our Sovereign and Her Dominions, that all "things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations, that peace "and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. "These, and all other necessaries for them, and for us, we humbly beg in the name, and through the "mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*"

"Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done "in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we "forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.—"*Amen.*"

And the Committee further recommend that the aforesaid form of prayer be read by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto), the said Report was concurred in.

Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee beg to recommend that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, which will expire to-day, be extended for ten days,—and the time for receiving Private Bills and Reports thereon, for a like period.

On motion of Mr. *Rymal*, the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills was extended for ten days; and for receiving Private Bills and Reports thereon for a like period.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Supplementary Return to Address of the 27th March, 1876; A copy of all correspondence between the Dominion Government, and the Government of the Province of Quebec, relating to the Jesuits' Barracks in the City of Quebec; together with all *Memorandums*, and Orders in Council, relating to the same,—

Also,—Return to Address of the 29th March, 1876; A copy of all correspondence between the Dominion Government, and the Government of the Province of Quebec, relating to an exchange of the property called "*Vieux Chateau St. Louis*," in the City of Quebec, for that of Hospital and Officers' Quarters, in St. Louis Street, of the said City; together with all Orders in Council, relating to the same,—

Also,—Return to Address of the 7th April, 1876; A Statement of all salaries, fees and indemnity paid by the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, to any member or employé of the said Harbor Commission, since 1872.

Mr. *Vail* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; A Return of the number of candidates that have come forward for admission to the Military College at Kingston; how many from each Province, distinguishing those of French origin from the others; how many have been so admitted, how many from each Province, distinguishing those of French origin from the others; also, a copy of the present regulations and a statement of the qualifications required of candidates for such admission

Mr. *Cartwright* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; A Statement of all moneys lying at the credit of the Dominion in any Bank or in the hands of any Financial Agent or other person with whom such moneys are deposited in Canada or elsewhere, said statement to shew:—

1st. The amount to the credit of the Dominion in each Bank on the last day of each month from December 1871, to December 1875, inclusive.

2nd. The amounts drawing interest at the close of each month in the different Banks and the rate and the amounts on demand not drawing interest, and

3rd. The amounts on deposit in the hands of Canadian Banks, Financial Agents or other persons in England or elsewhere other than in the Dominion and the rate of interest, if any, received upon such deposits.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, on Wednesday next, *viz*:—

By Mr. *Bolduc*—Bill No. 7 to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

By Mr. *Brooks*—Bill No. 8 respecting the Saint Francis and Megantic International Railway Company.

By Mr. *Casey*—Bill No. 9 respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Burk*—Bill No. 10 to amend the Act incorporating the London and Canada Bank.

By Mr. *Landerkin*—Bill No. 11 to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, with reference to liabilities between traders and non-traders.

By Mr. *Domville*—Bill No. 12 to grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited.)

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the Message of His Excellency the Governor General presented to The House on Friday last, and the Estimates accompanying the same, were referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

2. To defray salaries of the Governor General's Secretary's Office,.....$7,950

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, to-morrow.

The Bill (No. 6) to incorporate the Maitland Insurance Company, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Mackenzie* delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:—

I thank you for your loyal Address, and for the assurance it conveys, that the measures to be submitted to you will receive your earnest attention.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 17th February, 1877.

Mr. *Blain* moved, That it be an Order of The House, that if at the hour of 11 o'clook, p.m., the business of the day be not concluded, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair, and The House shall stand adjourned until its next regular meeting, unless a majority of the Members present are in favor of making further progress as to the public business, when a question with that object in view, shall be put by Mr. Speaker, without Debate.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Fleming*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return shewing the number of accidents to persons caught in "*Railway Frogs*"; the points where the accidents occurred, and the particulars connected therewith; for the five years ending 31st December, last.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion, and of the late Province of Canada, and the Imperial Government, and all Orders in Council, and other papers, touching the extension of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Vice Admiralty, to the Inland Waters of Canada.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin*, an Address was voted to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence which may have passed between the Government of Canada or any of its officers and *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Lines in British Columbia, since the 26th May, 1875; also all Departmental Orders or Orders in Council since the same date in relation to the construction or maintenance of the said Telegraph Lines; or in relation to the claims made by the said *F. J. Bernard*, in consequence of the orders given him on the 9th April, 1875, to stop work on the said Telegraph Line in British Columbia.

Also,— that an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Statement shewing each sum of money paid to *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Line in British Columbia, since the 10th February, 1875; also stating why each sum of money was so paid and giving the estimates, vouchers, Reports and Orders in virtue of which each such sum was so paid.

On motion of Mr. *Domville* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of all papers, correspondence or telegrams relating to, or in connection with Coal alleged to be detained, forfeited or misappropriated and showing by whose authority such Coal was detained, forfeited or missappropriated; and whether such action has been ratified and approved by the Inspector of Government Railways, or by the Government.

On motion of Mr. *Archibald* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return, setting forth, as nearly as the officers of the Government can do so, the amount of the revenue, paid by each Province of the Dominion, and the expenditures made therein on Dominion account during the past five years—namely 1872, '73, '74, '75 and '76 respectively; the return to show, further, the contributions and receipts *per capita* in each Province to and from the Public Exchequer.

On motion of Mr. *Tupper* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of all correspondence or papers in the possession of the Government relating to the improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of Partridge Island River; also, all papers or correspondence, relating to the repair and protection of the Pier at Partridge Island.

Also,—an Order of the House for a Return of the Prospectus issued by the Hon. Minister of Finance in London for the last Loan---a Statement of the time allowed for the reception of tenders and the period when the reception of Tenders was closed, with the several amounts offered by parties tendering, and the amounts allotted to them respectively.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of the correspondence regarding the Postmaster at *Great Bras d'Or*, and the reason why *McLeod* did not get the office, after he was appointed, and had given sufficient bonds to the Department; also the name of the present Postmaster, and the names of the securities.

On motion of Mr. *Dymond* it was *Resolved*. That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of all convictions for capital offences between the first of July, 1867, and the 31st December, 1876; shewing the name of the convicts, the nature of the crime, the action of the Executive, and the date of such action.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of all papers and correspondence, relating to the distribution of Half-breed Lands in the Province of Manitoba.

On motion of Mr. *Pope* (Queens, P.E.I), it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of all Reports in possession of the Department of Public Works, in connection with the Victoria Breakwater, Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island; also all correspondence relating to the same, received from the Government of Prince Edward Island, or any members of the Local Legislature there.

On motion of Mr. *McCarthy*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a copy of the advertisement or notice issued calling for tenders for the performance of the Mail Service for the Season of 1876, on Lakes Huron and Superior between the ports on Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay and Prince Arthur's Landing, Duluth, &c.---the tender or tenders received in response,---any correspondence in relation thereto --the Order or Orders in Council (if any) passed as to the matter,--and the contract entered into for such service.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return giving a Statement of all amounts paid to this date in connection with the purchase of 50,000 tons of Steel Rails, fastenings, &c., for the Pacific Railway, with the dates of such payments, and to whom paid, including all charges and commissions upon the same prior to their delivery in Canada; and all sums still remaining unpaid on account of such purchase.

Also, an Order of The House, for a Return, showing the amounts paid for printing and stationery for the Post Office Department during the year 1875 and 1876 respectively, other than to the Parliamentary Printer and Contractor at Ottawa-----said Return to specify the Province in which said work was done---- the nature of the work done----the name or names of the person or persons who performed such work, whether by contract or otherwise----and the name or names of the party or parties who received payment and gave receipts therefor.

And also,— an Order of The House, for a detailed Statement of the expenses during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 in advertising on behalf of the Government or any public service in the public journals of the Dominion, the amount paid each journal respectively, and the purpose for which such money was paid; also the amount paid in subscriptions, for what papers paid and whether such papers were ordered for the use of the Public Departments for circulation in Europe, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. *Béchard*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a clear and complete statement of the property and business (assets, liabilities), of a Company bearing the name of "*Le Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*," incorporated under Chapter 102 of the Statutes of Canada, 36 *Vic.*, (1873), and in particular,—

1. The amount of the subscribed Capital.
2. The amount of this Capital paid in.
3. The amount of Bonds in circulation.
4. The amount invested and secured by hypothecs.
5. The value of the real property hypothecated.
6. The amount of capital held as deposits from the time when the Company commenced business up to the 1st January last (1877.)

The said statement not to include the assets, debts, rights, actions, privileges, and hypothecs which the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*," may have acquired from any Building Society or Societies, established under Chapter 69 of the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, or resulting from any union or amalgamation between the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*" and any Company or Companies established under the last cited Act.

A separate and distinct, clear and complete statement of the property and business (assets and liabilities), of any such Company or Companies, so acquired and possessed by the said *Crédit Foncier*, to be made in like manner, in the form and manner first above mentioned up to the 1st January last (1877).

Further, copies of the various statements duly made and certified by the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*" since it commenced business up to the 1st January last.

Mr. *Orton* moved that the evidence obtained by the Agricultural Committee, and reported to this House last Session, oral as well as written, be printed in blue book form, in the same manner as the Report of the Committee on Depression of Trade.

The said proposed motion was then submitted to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, in pursuance to Rule 94.

Mr. *Rouleau* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of all letters, correspondence, telegrams, etc., asking, or having reference to the appointment of *Thomas Jacques Taschereau*, Esq., as Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Dorchester, at the Election held in the month of December, 1875.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Costigan* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of the names, offices, salaries, present residences, dates of appointments, and national origin of all officers appointed to the Civil Service of the Dominion, since the date of the last Return on the same subject.

Mr. *Ryan* moved that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of cases disposed of, under the Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in Manitoba.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Forbes* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of the number of Commissioners for Indian Grants in Nova Scotia; the Counties over which each presides; the amount annually placed in the hands of each District Commissioner in the Province of Nova Scotia; the amount distributed in each County; also, the names of the Commissioners who have made returns to the Government.

The House then adjourned at 10 minutes to 11 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Masson*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all correspondence relating to, the seizure in December last of certain distilling apparatus the property of *Francois Meloche* and *Ferdinand Lavoie* of Ste. Anne, County Jacques Cartier, including all instructions to and reports from the Revenue Officers relating to same.

Mr. *Charlton*—On Wednesday next—That the following items of expenditure of Secret Service funds be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts, viz: the item of $15,086.41 for the year 1868, the item of $33,103.88 for the year 1869, the item of $10,208.54 for the year 1870, and the item of $75,000 for the year 1871.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing; 1st, the instructions given and to whom given for the division of the Ordnance property at Quebec, known as the Cove Field; 2nd, the cost of dividing, also for advertising, and of selling the same; 3rd, the names of the parties receiving such sums of money, the amount received by each of them, and the reason of such appointment; 4th, the amount of such sale, the names of the purchasers, the amount paid by each on each lot, and the balance remaining unpaid.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing: 1st, the names and salaries or wages of each officer or employé composing the Government staff of the Lachine Canal, for each of the years 1875–6 and 1876–7; 2nd, the amount of contingencies in connection with said staff for each of these years; 3rd, the dates of appointment of each such officer or employé.

Mr. *Langevin*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the quantity, quality and dimension of timber supplied by Mr. *Adolphe Gagnon* for each of the piers at Baie St. Paul, Malbaie and Eboulements, in the County of Charlevoix, and also the price per foot paid for such timber during the fiscal year 1875-6.

Mr. *Macmillan*— On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a mail on the London Huron and Bruce Railway the coming spring, and if not why not?

Mr. *Thibaudeau*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government during this Session to put a sufficient sum in the Estimates to build a Post-office in St. Roch, Quebec?

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Friday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient to amend the Act 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 47, respecting Weights and Measures.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General—For Copies of all Orders in Council, Rules and Regulations made in relations to the Smelt Fisheries in the Harbor of Bathurst, together with all Correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the Inspector of Fisheries and other officers of the Department, also with all persons interested in said Fisheries.

Mr. *Desjardins*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the benefit of Free Postal Delivery at the house, of letters and newspapers directed to persons within the different Municipalities, situate on the outskirts of the City of Montreal, and specially the Town of St. Henri, Ste Cunègonde, and the Village of St. Gabriel, St. Jean Baptiste, Côteau St Louis and Hochelaga?

Mr. *Desjardins*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Copies of all Petitions respecting the establishment of a Post Office at Notre Dame de Grâce near Montreal and of another at Ste. Cunègonde part of the territory of the town of St. Henri in the County of Hochelaga, recently erected into a separate Municipality; also of all Correspondence between the parties interested and the Department at Ottawa including the Reports of the Post Office Inspector at Montreal in relation thereto.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for any returns which may be in possession of the Government relating to the number of failures, the assets and liabilities of Insolvent Estates, and more particularly of the number and character of the compromises which have taken place throughout Canada during the last twelve months.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Wednesday next – ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return of the resident employees on the Intercolonial Railway within the County of Northumberland—the date of their appointment---when they were located or stationed in their present positions---the nationalities of the several individuals and the number of them which were at the time of their appointment residents of the said County with the rate of wages which they respectively receive.

Mr. *McCarthy*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for the names of persons appointed to office between the 1st of January and the 7th of November 1873, the names of the officials whose salaries were increased during the same period; the names of those so appointed whose appointments were cancelled subsequent to the 7th of November. A statement shewing whether the positions which were filled up by those whose appointments were cancelled have remained unfilled or have been since filled up---and if so, when and by whom—and whether the salaries of those officials which were increased during the period named have been since reduced or increased and shewing the reduction or increase in each office respectively.

Mr. *Blake*---On Wednesday next---That The House will on Thursday next resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the following resolutions:----

1. That it is expedient to amend the eight section of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign intituled "*An Act to amend the Act, thirty-sixth Victoria, chapter thirty-one, for the re-adjustment of the salaries of Judges, and other purposes*" by striking out the words "for fifteen years" in the said section contained and substituting therefor the words "for ten years."

2. That it is expedient to provide that the said amendment shall extend to the application of the amended section to the County Court Judges in Nova Scotia by virtue of the second section of the Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign intiluled "*An Act to provide for the salaries of County Court Judges in the Province of Nova Scotia, and for other purposes.*"

Mr. *Blake*---On Wednesday next---BILL entitled "An Act to extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island certain of the Criminal Laws now in force in other Provinces of Canada."

Mr. *Costigan*---On Wednesday next---ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of copies of all correspondence and proceedings in Council regarding the Orange Incorporation Act of New Brunswick passed in the Legislature of that Province in 1875.

Mr. *Blake*---On Wednesday next---BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting larceny and other similar offences."

PRIVATE BILL NOTICE.

The following Bill was this day posted for consideration by the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, *on or after Monday, the 26th instant*:—

No. 6—To incorporate the Maitland Marine Insurance Company.

No. 7.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Five Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 7th April, 1876; A Return of all expenditure in detail incurred in dredging a channel at the entrance of the Chenal Ecarté, into Lake St. Clair; also, the dredging at Johnson's Bend, as well as in the River Sydenham, together with the Engineer's Reports connected therewith.

Also,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 22nd March, 1876; A Statement shewing the amount which the Government of Canada have incurred in the construction of the Branch of the Intercolonial Railway around Courtney Bay towards the Ballast Wharf at the City of Saint Johns, New Brunswick; also copies of all correspondence between any of the authorities of the said City and any person on behalf of the Government with reference to the terms on which the Government was allowed to build that work on property belonging to the City; and copies of all correspondence for the purchase of the Rankin Wharf Property for a deep water terminus for the said Railway and of the estimate of the cost of securing and constructing such terminus.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, *viz:*—Of the Northern Railway Company; for the passing of an Act to amend the Act known as the Northern Railway Act of 1875 and to authorize the said Company to raise by way of Preference Capital, and authorize such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the financial engagements of the said Company, and for other purposes;—of Squire *W. Hill*, Master of Dominion Grange, and others; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry;—of *William Patton* and others; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association,—and of the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Company; for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the completion of their Railway and for further amendments to their Act of incorporation.

The Committee also recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient on the following Petitions, viz :— Of the Provisional Directors of the Canada Atlantic Cable Company; for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the works of the Company, and for further amendments to their Act of incorporation;—of the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Insurance Company; that the Act relating to Insurance Companies may be declared not to have applied, or to apply, to the said Company, or that they may be authorized to wind up its affairs;—of *Joseph Harris McClellan*, of the Township of Pickering, County of Ontario, and Province of Ontario, Merchant; for the passing of an Act to vest in him the property and power of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company,—and of the Bank of British North America; for the passing of an Act to extend and apply to the provisions of Section 56 of Chapter 5, 34 *Victoria*, intituled: "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the said Bank.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; a copy of the contract recently made for the conveyance of the Mail between Wallace and Malagash, in the County of Cumberland, with the tenders received therefor and the notices calling for such service specifying when and where such notices were posted and also a statement of the amount previously paid for the same service.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, on Thursday next, *viz* :—

By Mr. *Wood*.—Bill No. 13 to incorporate the Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association.

By Mr. *Baby*.—Bill No. 14 to amend the several Acts incorporating the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Company.

By Mr. *White* (Renfrew).—Bill No. 15 to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875; and to make the said Act operative within the Temporary Judicial District of Nipissing.

By Mr. *Bowell*.—Bill No. 16 respecting the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

By Mr. *Frazer*.—Bill No. 17 to extend the provisions of section 56 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America.

By Mr. *Mills*.—Bill No. 18 to make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith.

On motion of Mr. *Brooks*, the Order of The Day with respect to the Bill No. 8 respecting the Saint Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, Messrs. *Ouimet* and *Sinclair* were added to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 19th instant;—A Return of the Prospectus issued by the Hon. Minister of Finance in London for the last Loan—a Statement of the time allowed for the reception of tenders and the period when the reception of Tenders was closed, with the several amounts offered by parties tendering, and the amounts allotted to them respectively.

Mr. *Burpee* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 12th instant;—A Return shewing the general nature and value of all Manufactured Goods imported into Canada from the United States in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, and stating the dates from which such Returns are begun and ended of said years respectively.

He also presented,—Return to Address of the 6th March, 1876; Copies of all Orders in Council, Letters and Telegrams between the Dominion Government and the Government of Manitoba or any officer or other person, respecting the relief to be given to settlers and others in Manitoba, shewing the amount appropriated, the parties to whom it is to be given, and the conditions upon which it is given.

Mr. *Vail* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, for the calendar year, 1876.

Also,—by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report on the State of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada, for the year, 1876.

Mr. *Burpee* presented,—Return to Address of the 3rd April, 1876; Copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion, and the Government of the United States, respecting the alleged violation of the Treaty of Washington.

The Resolution adopted in Committee of Supply, yesterday, was reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and is as follows:—

2. To defray salaries of the Governor General's Secretary's Office.....$7,950.00

Mr. *Cartwright* laid before The House,—Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of the Consolidated Fund, from 1st July, 1876, to 10th February, 1877.

The Order of the Day for The House to go into Committee of the Whole, to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, being read;

And a Debate arising,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

WEDNESDAY, 21st February, 1877.

And the question being put; it was agreed to.

The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*,—That in lieu and stead of the duties of Excise imposed on the articles herein mentioned by the Act respecting the Inland Revenue (31 *Vic.*, cap. 8) it is expedient that the following duties of Excise be imposed and collected:—

1. On every pound of Malt, two cents.
2. On every gallon of any fermented beverage made in imitation of beer or malt liquor and brewed in whole or in part from any other substance than malt, eight cents.
3. Provided that Brewers using sugar in the manufacture of beer and paying the above mentioned duty on the beer made therewith, may receive a drawback equal to the duty paid by them on the malt used with such sugar in making such beer.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act 31 *Vic.*, cap. 44, and other Acts amending the same and the Tariff of Duties of Customs contained in the Schedules annexed to the said Acts:—

3. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to repeal so much of Schedule A, of the said Act, 31 *Vic.*, c. 44, as imposes any Specific Duty of Customs on any of the goods or articles hereafter mentioned, and to substitute therefor the following Duties of Customs, viz.:—

On Cigars, including Cigarettes.....50 cents per lb., and 20 per centum *ad valorem.*
On Tea—Green or Japan.....per lb. 6 cents
On Tea—Black..... " 5 cents
On Cologne Water and Perfumed Spirits when in flasks or bottles not weighing more than 4 oz.....25 per centum *ad valorem*
On Malt.....per lb. 2½ cents
On Oils, viz.:—Coal and Kerosene, distilled, purified and refined, Naphtha, Benzole and refined Petroleum, Products of Petroleum, Coal, Shale and Lignite, not otherwise specified, and Crude Petroleum, per wine gallon.....6 cents

4. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient that so much of Schedule B of the Act 31 *Vic.*, cap. 44, or any Act amending it, as imposes any Duties of Customs upon Ale, Beer and Porter be repealed, and that the following specific duties be imposed and collected thereon, viz.:—

On Ale, Beer and Porter, when imported in bottle (6 quart and 12 pint bottles to be held to contain an Imperial Gallon) per Imperial gallon.....18 cents
On Ale, Beer and Porter, when imported otherwise than in bottle, per Imperial gallon.....12 cents

5. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient that so much of the Act 37 *Victoria*, c. 6, or any Act amending it as imposes a duty of ten per centum upon the following goods, viz:—

Cotton Thread in hanks colored and unfinished Nos. 3 and 4 ply—White—Not under No. 20 yarn,
Cotton Warp, not coarser than No. 40,
Cotton Thread on spools,
Machine Twist and Silk Twist.
Linen Machine Thread,

be repealed and the said goods be held to be and dealt with as non-enumerated articles, subject to a duty of customs of 17½ *per centum ad valorem.*

6. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient, that so much of Schedule C. of the said Act 31 *Victoria*, c. 44, or any act amending it or any Order in Council as admits the following goods for entry free of duty, viz:—

Tubes and Piping, of brass, copper or iron drawn.
Cotton Thread in hanks colored and unfinished No. 6 ply—White, not under No. 20 yarn.

be repealed; and that the following duties of customs be imposed and collected on the same, viz:—

On Tubes and Piping of brass copper or iron drawn.....17½ per centum *ad valorem.*
On Cotton Thread, in hanks, colored and unfinished, No. 6 ply—White—not under No. 20 yarn.....10 per centum *ad valorem.*

7. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient that so much of the Act 37 *Vic.*, cap. 6, as imposes a specific duty of Customs on wines be amended by adding thereto the following provision—In computing the worth of all wine there shall be included the cost of bottling, corking, wiring, labelling, and of the materials used therein, and all other expenses incurred prior to actual shipment—except the cost of bottles and packages which shall remain subject to the duty of 17½ per centum *ad valorem*, provided by the next following Resolution.

8. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient so much of any Act or Schedule as aforesaid, as imposes any duty of Customs or non-enumerated goods and packages be repealed and the following provisions substituted therefor, that is to say:—

The value of all Bottles, Flasks, Jars, Dimijohns, Carboys, Casks, Hogsheads, Pipes, Barrels, and all other vessels or packages manufactured by Tin, Iron, Lead, Zinc, Glass or any other material, and capable of holding liquids, Crates containing Glass, China, Crockery or Earthenware, and all packages in which goods are commonly placed for Home Consumption, including cases in which bottled Spirits, Wines or Malt Liquors are contained, and every package, being the first receptacle or covering enclosing goods for purposes of sale, shall in all cases in which they contain goods subject to an *ad valorem* duty be taken and held to be apart of the fair market value of such goods for duty, and when they contain goods subject to specific duty only such packages shall be charged with a duty of Customs of 17½ per cent *ad valorem* to be computed upon their original cost or value, and all goods not enumerated in this said Act or any other Act as charged with any duty of Customs and not declared free of duty by some unrepealed Act or provision;—shall be charged with a duty of Customs of seventeen and one half per cent *ad valorem*, when imported into Canada or taken out of Warehouse for consumption therein; but all packages not herein before specified, and not specially charged with duty by any unrepealed Act, and being the usual and ordinary packages in which goods are packed for exportation, according to the general usage and custom of trade, shall be free of duty.

9. *Resolved*,---That it is expedient to repeal the Act of 31st *Vic.*. cap 50, intituled "An Act to impose certain duties on Spirits and Petroleum."

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again at the next sitting of the House, this day.

A Message was received from the Senate, naming the Hon. Messrs. *Alexander, Allan, Baillargeon Bourinot, Chapais, Cornwall, Fabre, Ferguson, Haythorne, Miller, Montgomery, Reesor, Ryan, Trudel, Wilmot* and *Stevens* as Members of a Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of that House are concerned, and to act as Members of a Joint Committee of both, Houses on the Library.

Also,---naming the Honorable Messrs. *Aikins, Bellerose, Bureau, Carrall, Cochrane, Fabre, Ferrier, Haythorne McLelan (Londonderry), Macfarlane, Penny, Reesor, Scott, Simpson*, and *Wark*, to act on behalf of that House with the Committee of The House of Commons, as a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament.

The House then adjourned at One o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

In yesterday's Votes, page 51, on the concurrence in the Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the desirability of using a form of prayer in this Chamber, the following words were added, *viz:*---"in the language most familiar to him."

The entry proper should read as follows:---"And the Committee further recommend, that the afore-"said form of prayer be read by Mr. Speaker, in the language most familiar to him."

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Norris*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government has placed any sum in the Estimates for the purpose of constructing a double track Bridge across the Canal at the foot of St. Paul Street, in the City of St. Catharines?

Mr. *Greenway*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to transfer the carrying of the mails from the old stage route to the trains of the London, Huron and Bruce Railway, between London and Wingham; and if so, when?

Mr. *Blake*—On Thursday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Criminal Law relating to offences against the Person.'

Mr. *Appleby*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return shewing the number of Post Office and Custom House buildings owned by the Dominion, designating those built since 1867; the names of the Cities and Towns where the same are situate, with the population of each at the last census, and the amount of Customs, Post Office and Inland Revenue respectively, collected at each place during the years 1875 and 1876.

Mr. *Cheval*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide in the Estimates a sum sufficient to indemnify owners of steam vessels when they shall have paid a sum of over one hundred dollars for canal tolls, which they would not have been compelled to pay, but for the existence of an unjust and arbitrary Law, whereby in the case of two steam vessels of the same tonnage, the one pays but thirty-eight dollars while the other pays two hundred and forty dollars?

Mr. *Schultz*—On Tuesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return of all Emigrants and others transported over the *Dawson* Route during the season of 1876, and the cost of the maintenance of the Road during the said season; also the total expenditure on the Fort Francis Canal up to the 1st January, 1877, the estimated cost of the whole work and the estimated cost of the improvements on the Rainy River necessary to render the Canal of service for the purposes for which it was intended.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return giving the names of all the Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors on the Staff of the Volunteer Militia Force of Canada on the first day of January 1876; the Districts in which they were stationed; the date of their appointments respectively the length of time they had each served; the names of those who have been removed from the Staff; the date of such removal; and the names of those officers who have been appointed Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors since the first of January 1876; and the length of time they have served in the Volunteer Force of Canada before such appointments were made.

Mr. *Gillies*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Is it the intention of the Government at an early date to erect Emigrant Sheds at Southampton to meet the necessities of the anticipated large Emigration to Manitoba and the North West that is expected to pass by that route during the ensuing season.

No. 8.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 1877

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Thirteen Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of certain works authorized by their Act of Incorporation.

Of the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited); praying for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Globe* Printing Company; praying for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation; and also for power to increase their capital stock.

Of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Province of Ontario, wife of *Charles Edwin Holiwell*, of the City of Quebec, in the Province of Quebec, Army Stationer; praying for the passing of an Act to declare her marriage with *Charles Edwin Holiwell* to be dissolved, and that she be divorced from him.

Of *M. J. Drew* and others; of *J. R. Noonan* and others; and of *Angus McIver* and others, coal owners and others interested in the coal trade and shipping interests of the Dominion; severally praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all coal imported into the Dominion.

Of the Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company; praying for the passing of an Act declaring the interpretation of certain words in their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Walter Scott*, of the Village of Nottawa, in the Township of Nottawasaga, and County of Simcoe, Province of Ontario, Esquire; praying for the passing of an Act to declare his marriage with *Mary Jane Rowed* to be dissolved, and that he be divorced from her.

Of *Mary Jane Bates*, of the Village of Mitchell, in the County of Perth, in the Province of Ontario, married woman; praying for the passing of an Act to declare her marriage with *Norman Adna Bates* to be dissolved, and that she be divorced from him.

Of *George McKean* and others; praying for certain Amendments to the Act incorporating the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

The Petition of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Middlesex, was read; praying for an appropriation of money for improving communication with the Indian Reserves in the said County.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the granting the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of public money, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Mills* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Department of the Interior, for the year ended, 30th June, 1876.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the First Report of the said Committee, recommending that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 3rd April, 1876; Copies of the Contract for the Iron Roof of the Station House, to be erected at Halifax; together with Tenders for the same.

Also,—in obedience to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; Copies of all Tenders received for the erection of the Passenger Station at Halifax; all correspondence relative to said Tenders; to any change in plans and specifications before or after such Tenders were received; to whom awarded, and amount of such contract, as awarded.

Also,—Return to Address of the 29th March, 1876; Copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada, or any of their Officers, and any person or persons, Company or Companies in New Brunswick, since the 1st January, 1874, in relation to aid to be given to the construction of Railways in that Province, by the supplying of Rails or other Plant or Rolling Stock, for such proposed Railways.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Friday next, viz:*—

By Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto).—Bill No 20 to amend the Act of incorporation of the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited).

By Mr. *Hall*.—Bill No. 21 to amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 57, respecting Permanent Building Societies in Ontario.

By Mr. *Rymal*.—Bill No. 22 to incorporate the "Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry."

And the two following Bills, introduced by Mr. *Blake*, were read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz:*—

Bill No. 23 to extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island, certain of the Criminal Laws, now in force in other Provinces of Canada; and

Bill No. 24 to amend the Act respecting Larceny, and other similar offences.

On motion of Mr. *Farrow*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all Orders in Council passed having reference to the Goderich Harbor Works in 1874, together with a copy of the notice or advertisement calling for tenders for such work—The tenders received in response, and all correspondence and Reports in relation thereto, with the contract entered into for the performance of such work.

On motion of Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all Orders in Council authorizing or relating to the construction of the Fort Francis Locks or Canal; all papers, correspondence, instructions to Engineers and reports of Engineers and others pointing out the advantage to be gained from this Public Work, and giving an estimate of its cost and of the cost of the entire works necessary to attain the object for which it is proposed to build the Canal.

On motion of Mr. *Casey* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of both the inside and outside Divisions of the Civil Service by Departments shewing:—

A.—1st. Number of Employés in each division and in the whole service, arranged according to classes in both divisions where practicable or according to grades of Office in outside service where no other classification has been established, giving the number in each class, or grade.

2nd. Total salary paid in each division and in the whole service during financial year, shewing also

(*a*)—Total paid in each class or grade during current year.

(*b*)—Maximum, minimum and average salaries payable in each class or grade, with statement of annual increments or bonuses allowed, and hours of work.

3rd. Maximum, minimum and average age of Employés in each class or grade of both divisions; shewing also,

(*a*)—Number of Employés in each class or grade.

Over 18 and under 20 years of age.
" 20 " 25 "
" 25 " 30 "
" 30 " 40 "
" 40 " 50 "
" 50 " 60 "
" 60 " 70 "

(*b*)—Average age of Employés at time of appointment in each class or grade of both divisions, and in whole service.

(*c*)—Average age of retirement from service since Confederation.

B.—1st. Number in each class or grade and total who entered service before the establishment of Civil Service examinations.

2nd. Number appointed to each class or grade in both divisions in each year since Confederation, and totals for the whole period by classes and Departments, and in whole service.

(*a*)—As possessing special qualifications, but who were submitted to no general or special examination to test such qualifications.

(*b*)—Not on the ground of special qualifications but who were submitted to no general or special examination.

(*c*)—After undergoing a general or special examination noting which class of examination has been submitted to, and distinguishing the number who passed from the number who failed to pass but were nevertheless appointed or continued in appointments, and also the number examined and rejected.

(*d*)—Number of Cases in which examination preceded appointment and *vice versa*.

C.—1st. Regulations respecting ordinary and special examinations and appointments made under the system of examinations.

2nd Such other regulations for the management of the service as are not established by Statute.

3rd. Copies of questions used at last general and special examinations, prior to 1st January, 1877; with Statement of what degree of proficiency was required of candidates.

4th. List of successful candidates, shewing percentage of marks obtained.

On motion of Mr. *Stephenson* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for Returns in detail of all expenses incurred and moneys expended in the payment of Engineers, Surveyors, and others, for services rendered, as well as for horse hire, etc., in connection with the surveys of the North Branch of the River Sydenham from the forks at Wallaceburgh to the Village of Wilkesport, in the year 1876.

On motion of Mr. *Brouse*, a Select Committee was appointed, composed of Messrs. *Brouse*, *Holton*, *Tupper*, *Blanchet*, *Pope* (Compton), *Dymond*, *Landerkin*, *Forbes*, *Christie*, and *Kerr*, to examine and report upon the subject of Vital Statistics and public health, with power to send for persons and papers.

The House then adjourned at Six o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Friday next—BILL intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent."

Mr. *Cook*—On Friday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons."

Mr. *Bertram*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to retain control of the Trent Works, or if any arrangement has been made to hand them over to the Ontario Government?

Mr. *Richard*—On Tuesday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1874."

Mr. *Blain*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to propose to the House the propriety of employing a Solicitor or other Legal Expert to aid the Committees in bringing into uniformity the Private Bill Legislation of the House?

Mr. *Goudge*—On Monday next—That an Order of the House do issue for a Return of the quantities and value of the Coal imported into the Dominion of Canada for the years 1873-'74-'75 and '76; distinguishing the various kinds, say—Anthracite, Bituminous and Lignite; the countries and parts of the same whence brought; the Province and parts of the Dominion where entered.

Mr. *Rouleau*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General—For copies of all the correspondence having reference to the change of Mail Conductors for the counties of Dorchester and Beauce, since the first of January 1875;—and also the names of those parties from whom such contract was taken away since that date, before the term for which they held such contract, had expired;—and also the names of those parties who took their places.

Mr. *Domville*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—When the Roof tendered for under date 7th September, 1874, was delivered at Halifax—If such roof was admitted free of duty—If not, did the Phœnixville Iron Works (*Clarke, Reeves* & Co) pay the duty?

Mr. *Flynn*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of reports and plans of Breakwater at Arichat West, in the County of Richmond.

Mr. *Robinson*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Return of instructions given to the Commission to investigate into the affairs of the Northern Railway.

Mr. *Thompson* (Cariboo)—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns of the accounts of Dominion Notes of the denominations of one and two dollars (payable in Victoria) which have been forwarded by Government to the Assistant Receiver General for the Province of British Columbia, during each year, since the admission of that Province into the Dominion, together with the amounts of such notes returned for cancellation during each year therein mentioned.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of correspondence between the Minister of Public Works and the officer in charge of the dredging improvements and deepening of the Horse Shoe Bar Channel at the entrance of the Miramichi River, with a statement shewing the total amount of dredging originally contemplated,—the quantity of material removed from said Bar in the respective seasons that the dredge has been at work; the length, breadth and depth of the excavations removed, with the length of the work yet to be excavated and the probable period of its completion, with a statement of the depth of water proposed to be obtained in said channel by such improvement.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

The Speaker laid before The House,—Lists of Stockholders of the Bank of Montreal on the 8th February, 1877,—of the Bank of Ottawa on the 31st December, 1876,—of the Federal Bank of Canada on the 20th February, 1877,—of the Stadacona Bank on the 8th February, 1877,—and of the Merchants Bank on the 31st December, 1876, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Corporation of the Town of Kincardine, County of Bruce; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to collect dues at the Harbor in the said Town of Kincardine.

Of the Union Marine Insurance Company, of Nova Scotia, heretofore incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia; praying that they may be incorporated by Act of the Parliament of Canada.

Of the Honorable *T. D. Archibald*, Senator, and others, interested in the coal trade and shipping interests of the Dominion; praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all coal imported into the Dominion.

Of La Banque Jacques Cartier; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to reduce their Capital Stock, to amalgamate with another or other Banks, and for other purposes.

Of the Ottawa, Vaudreuil and Montreal Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of that portion of their Railway lying between West Hawkesbury and the City of Ottawa.

Mr. *Blake* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 19th instant, a Return of all convictions for capital offences between the 1st July, 1867, and the 31st December, 1876; showing the name of the convicts, the nature of the crime, the action of the Executive, and the date of such action.

Also,—Return to Address of the 15th instant; Copies of the Petitions of *T. D. Latour* and others, dated the 5th June, 1874, and the 2nd November, 1875, presented to the Government, concerning the Hon. Mr. Justice *Loranger*, and of all correspondence relating thereto.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is, as follows:—

The Committee carefully considered the following documents and recommend that they be printed, *viz:*—

Statement of payments charged to unforseen expenses under Orders in Council from 1st July, 1876, to date. (*For distribution only.*)

Statement of allowances and gratuities under the Act 33 *Vict.*, cap. 4, "For the better ensuring the efficiency of the Civil Service of Canada, by providing for the superannuation of persons employed therein in certain cases. (*For Members only, and Sessional Papers.*)

Return and Supplementary Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion Governmen and the Government of Quebec relating to the Jesuits Barracks in the City of Quebec, &c. (*Sessional Papers only.*)

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of Quebec relating to the exchange of the property called "Vieux Chateau St. Louis," in the City of Quebec, for that of Hospital and Officers' Quarters in St. Louis Street, of the said City. (*Sessional Papers only.*)

Return to an Order of The House of Commons,—Return showing the general nature and value of all Manufactured Goods imported into Canada from the United States in the years, 1874, 1875 and 1876, &c.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be *not printed, viz:*—

Baptisms, Marriages and *Burials* in certain Districts, &c.

Official Return of the Distribution of the Dominion Statutes of Canada.

Statement of Expenditure to date on account of New South Wales Exhibition, under authority of Special Warrant of His Excellency the Governor General, dated 21st December, 1876, for $25,000.

Return to Address,—Number of suits instituted before Supreme Court, and the number of Judgments rendered.

Statement of Bonds and Securities registered in the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, dated 16th February, 1877.

Return of the number of Candidates, that have come forward for admission to the Military College at Kingston, how many from each Province, &c.

Return to an Order of The House of Commons,—Statement of all moneys lying at the credit of the Dominion in any Bank, or in the hands of any Financial Agent, &c., &c.

Return to an Order of The House of Commons, of all expenditure incurred in dredging a Channel at the entrance to the Chenal Ecarté, into Lake St. Clair, &c.

Return to an Order of The House of Commons,—Statement shewing the amount which the Government of Canada have incurred in the construction of the Branch of the Intercolonial Railway around Courtney Bay towards the Ballast Wharf at the City of St. Johns, New Brunswick, &c.

Return to an Order of The House of Commons, for Copy of contract recently made for the Conveyance of the Mail between Wallace and Malagash, in the County of Cumberland, with the tenders received therefor, &c., &c.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented, Return to Address of the 12th instant; For all correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government or any Steamship Company or private individual, touching the qualifications of Surgeons on British Steamers, or other passenger ships sailing to, or from British Ports.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the "Return to Address of the 15th instant, for copies of the Petitions of *T. D. Latour*, and others, dated the 5th June, 1874, and the 2nd November, 1875, presented to the Government, concerning the *Hon. Mr. Justice Loranger*, and all correspondence relating thereto," was referred to the Special Committee to enquire into the administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec.

On motion of Mr. *Young*, the Public Accounts for the fiscal year, ended 30th June, 1876,—as also the Supplementary statements of Income and Expenditure during the current year, were referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *on Monday next, viz.:*—

By Mr. *Thompson* (Welland).—Bill No. 25 to amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.

By Mr. *Gibbs* (South Ontario).—Bill No. 26 to vest the property and powers of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company, in *Joseph Harris McClellan.*

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the First and Second Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, were concurred in.

Mr. *Blake* introduced a Bill No. 27 to amend the Act respecting Offences against the person; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 3 respecting Procedure and Evidence in criminal cases, was read the second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Irving*, *Mousseau*, *Laurier*, *Cameron*, *Appleby*, *Guthrie*, *Brooks*, *McIsaac* and *McCarthy*.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. *Campbell*, and which motion was, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of the correspondence with *John Baine*, *Angus Morrison*, and *Charles L. Campbell*, regarding their dismissals from office as Seizing and Landing Officers at *Great Bras d'Or*, and the reasons for said dismissals.

Mr. *Plumb*, moved in amendment, that the said motion be amended, by adding the following words "together with any Reports or Letters of the Inspector of Customs, relating to the said dismissals; or any other correspondence on this subject;" which was agreed to.

The main motion as amended, was then agreed to, and the said Order of The House issued accordingly

The House then adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—BILL entitled "An Act respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario; and to amend the Penitentiary Act of 1875."

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—BILL entitled "An Act to establish a Maritime Jurisdiction in certain inland waters."

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—BILL entitled "An Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875."

Mr. *Masson*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence with the French Vice-Consul in Montreal, or other persons relating to the repatriation of French immigrants during the year 1876, together with a statement shewing the names of said immigrants who may have been so repatriated, the date of their arrival in this country, their age and their occupations previous to their coming here; also, all Departmental rules then and now in force relating to the same.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for papers and correspondence connected with the seizure of the Schooner "Napier" in Ingonish, in the year 1872, for smuggling, and a statement shewing if the Hon. *William Ross* has redeemed his bonds given for the release of said vessel. If not, why not? The amount realized from the sale of Goods seized on board of said vessel.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for papers and correspondence in connection with the defalcations of the ex-Collector of Customs, *William Redston*, at the Port of Baddeck, and a Return shewing if the amount has been refunded to the Department; and if not, the reason for its not being refunded.

Mr. *Brouse*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government has taken any action to secure assimilation with the United States respecting the protection of *fish* along our joint Rivers? Will the Canadians be prevented using *nets* to catch fish along the North side of the River St. Lawrence between Cornwall and Gananoque while the Americans on the South side of the same territory are persistently netting and destroying the fish?

Mr. *Cook*—On Monday next—BILL to authorize Municipalities to pass by-laws to provide means of escape for persons falling into the water in the vicinity of wharves and docks.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Monday next—BILL intituled "An Act relating to the Postal of Inland Bills of Exchange in the Province of Nova Scotia."

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns shewing in detail the cost of the erection of the Lighthouse at the Harbour of Refuge at Rondeau, under contract awarded by tender; the tender received and from whom; whether the lowest tender was accepted; the amount paid for extras in constructing breakwater on the lake side opposite the Lighthouse and whether such extras were done by tender publicly advertised for; also the name of the contractor for oil supplied to said Lighthouse, the cost per gallon supplied, together with loss involved by the fire which occurred last Fall in said Lighthouse; and the correspondence relating thereto, whether from the Lighthouse keeper or the Government Inspector.

Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OFMINISTRY—At what time the contractors of the Carillon Dam and works were to have completed them, and what progress has been made ?

Mr. *Bunster*—On Monday next—COMMITTEE OF WHOLE to consider the following Resolution :—That in the opinion of this House the interests of British Columbia will be promoted by the adoption of a Special Tariff for the protection of the Farming, Mining and Manufacturing interests of that Province.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Returns of all leases of right to fish in the non-tidal waters of New Brunswick, shewing which of them wholly and which of them partially covers beds of rivers granted to private persons.

Mr. *Mills*—On Tuesday next—BILL intituled "An Act respecting the Boundaries of the Province of Manitoba."

Mr. *Mills*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, to consider the following Resolutions :—

1st. That it is expedient to provide that the salaries or remuneration of the Director of the Geological Survey and his Assistants be determined by the Governor in Council, subject to the approval of Parliament.

2nd. That it is expedient to provide that the Director and persons appointed to permanent positions in the Geological Survey Branch of the Department of the Interior, shall be considered as being within the provisions of the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter Four, to provide for the superannuation of persons employed in the Civil Service in certain cases.

No. 10.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 40 Victoria,

VOTES AND PROCEEDING
OF THE
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No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *T. J. Lamontagne* and others; of *R. E. Tremaine* and others; and of *W. J. Foster* and others, interested in the navigation of the St. Lawrence; severally praying for further improvements to facilitate the navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

Of Messrs. *Le Boutillier* and Company, Merchants, and others, of the County of Bonaventure; praying for the construction of a Telegraph line from Point au Esquimaux, in the Seigniory of Mingan, to Quebec, connecting the same by cable with the Island of Anticosti.

Of *Moise Houde*, M.P.P., and others, of Rivière du Loup, County of Maskinongé; praying for an Amendment to their Act of Incorporation, so as to permit the reconstruction of the bridge, without draw or swing, over Rivière du Loup.

Of *Edward A. Prentice* and others, of the City of Montreal; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Union Cable Company, for the purpose of establishing Telegraphic communication between the Dominion of Canada and the United Kingdom.

Of the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to reduce their capital stock, and for other purposes.

Of *Andrew Robertson* and others, interested in the carrying trade of Canada; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Canada Traffic Company.

Of *John Stewart*; praying that enquiry may be made as to the refusal of the Court of Queen's Bench to send a Judge to Kingston to try his Petition against the return of the Right Honourable *Sir John A. Macdonald*, K.C.B., on the 22nd July, 1875, and in the event of a reason being assigned in accordance with the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874, for such refusal, that the said Act may be amended.

Of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Company; praying for the passing of an Act granting them an extension of powers.

Of *E. J. Hicks* and others, of the Province of Ontario; praying that the Temperance Act of 1864, known as the Dunkin Act, may be so amended as to enable the Ratepayers to vote by ballot.

Of *A. Belloni* and others; and of *B. Archibald* and others, coal owners and others, interested in the coal trade and shipping interests of the Dominion; severally praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all coal imported into the Dominion.

Of the Union Forwarding and Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to reduce their capital stock.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; Copies of all Orders in Council and all instructions or orders from the Department of Public Works relating to the destruction by force, last July, of the Dam called the Dominion Dam, on Devil Lake, in the County of Addington, and for copies of all Reports made by Engineers or any Engineer or Employé of the Government, and of all correspondence relating to the said Dam, its destruction or reconstruction.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 19th instant; Copies of all Reports in possession of the Department of Public Works, in connection with the Victoria Breakwater, Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island; also all correspondence relating to the same, received from the Government of Prince Edward Island, or any members of the Local Legislature there.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd March, 1876; for 1st. Copies of all contracts between the Government and any person or company for the execution of work at the Citadel of Quebec in 1874 and 1875; 2nd. Copies of all arrangements, made with a contractor or contractors, or with a superintendent or overseer, or superintendents or overseers, for the execution of any portion of the said works; 3rd. Copies of the Pay lists, shewing the sum paid to each overseer, superintendent, workman, &c., for the execution of such work, the number of workmen, overseers, and superintendents, employed each week, and the total cost of such work during the year ending the 31st December 1874, and the total cost for the following year.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; Return of all special rates accorded to any companies or individuals for the conveyance of freight over the Railways in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick with the names of the companies or individuals, the privileges accorded, the dates at which such special rates were given, with any correspondence between the General Superintendent of Railways or any other officer of the Government and any person on the subject of special rates since the 1st day of January 1872, to the 1st day of January 1876.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; Copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with payments made to *J. F. B. McCready* and others in King's County, for alleged damage sustained from the Intercolonial Railroad from fire and other causes.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; Return of the quantity of old Rails now on hand and in the possession of the Government and shewing whether the same are of such a character as to be made available for the aiding in the construction of Branch Lines.

Mr. *Mills* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 19th instant; a Return of the number of Commissioners for Indian Grants in Nova Scotia; the Counties over which each presides; the amount annually placed in the hands of each District Commissioner in the Province of Nova Scotia; the amount distributed in each County; also, the names of the Commissioners who have made Returns to the Government.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, *viz.*:—Of the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company;—for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of certain works authorized by their Act of incorporation;—Of the the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited); for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation;—Of the *Globe* Printing Company; for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation, and also for power to increase their Capital Stock;—Of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Province of Ontario, wife of *Charles Edwin Holiwell*, of the City of Quebec, in the Province of Quebec, Army Stationer; for an Act to declare her marriage with the said *Charles Edwin Holiwell* to be dissolved, and that she be divorced from him;—Of *Walter Scott*, of the Village of Nottawa, in the Township of Nottawasaga, and County of Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario, Esquire; for an Act to declare his marriage with *Mary Jane Rowed* to be dissolved, and that he be divorced from her;—Of *Mary Jane Bates*, of the Village of Mitchell, in the County of Perth, in the Province of Ontario, married woman; for an Act to declare her marriage with *Norman Adna Bates* to be dissolved, and that she be divorced from him;—Of *George McKean* and others; for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the Canada Mutual Insurance Company;—Of La Banque Jacques Cartier; for an Act to empower them to reduce their Capital Stock, to amalgamate with another or other Banks; and for other purposes;—Of the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia, heretofore incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia; praying that they may be incorporated by Act of the Parliament of Canada;—Of *J. B. Rottot*, President, and others, Directors of the St. Jacques Building Society; for the passing of an Act to extend their corporate powers;—Of the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited); for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation;—Of the *Saint Francis* and *Megantic International Railway*; for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation, and for power to change the name of the Company to that of the International Railway Company;—Of the Metropolitan Bank; for an Act empowering them to wind up its affairs, by collecting

and realizing its assets; providing for its liabilities, and for other purposes;—Of the Ottawa, Vaudreuil, and Montreal Railway Company; for an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of that portion of their Railway, lying between West Hawkesbury and the City of Ottawa;---and of the Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company; for the passing of an Act declaring the interpretation of certain words in their Act of incorporation.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *on Monday next, viz:—*

By Mr. *Thomson* (Welland).—Bill No. 28 respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Young*.---Bill No. 29 to amend the Act passed in the 39th year of Her Majesty's Reign intituled: "An Act to incorporate the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited.)"

By Mr. *Jones* (Halifax).---Bill No. 30 to incorporate "The Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia."

By Mr. *Workman*.---Bill No. 31 to authorize and provide for the winding up of the *Metropolitan Bank*.

By Mr. *Jetté*.---Bill No. 32 respecting "*La Banque Jacques Cartier*."

Also,—Bill No. 33 to incorporate "*La Société de construction St. Jacques*," as a permanent Building Society; and for other purposes.

By Mr. *Brooks*.—Bill No. 8 to change the name of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, to the International Railway Company; and for other purposes.

By Mr. *Rochester*.---Bill No. 34 to amend the Act to incorporate the "Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company."

By Mr. *Hagar*.---Bill No. 35 concerning the Ottawa, Vaudreuil and Montreal Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolution:---

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the "Act respecting the Inland Revenue" and to provide for the imposition of a license duty of fifty dollars on each importer or manufacturer (not a manufacturer of beer, wash or spirits, or a rectifier of spirits) of stills, worms, fermenting tuns or other apparatus suitable for the manufacture of beer, wash or spirits.

Also,—*on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolution:---

Resolved,---That it is expedient to amend the "Act to impose License dues on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs."

And also, *on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolution:---

Resolved,—That it is expedient further to amend the "Act to provide for the inspection of Gas and Gas Meters."

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolutions:---

1. *Resolved*,---That it is expedient to amend the eighth section of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign intituled: "*An Act to amend the Act thirty-sixth Victoria, chapter thirty-one, for the re-adjustment of the salaries of Judges, and for other purposes*" by striking out the words "for fifteen years" in the said section contained, and substituting therefor the words "for ten years."

2. *Resolved*,---That it is expedient to provide that the said amendment shall extend to the application of the amended section to the County Court Judges in Nova Scotia, by virtue of the second section of the Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign intituled: "*An Act to provide for the salaries of the County Court Judges in the Province of Nova Scotia and for other purposes.*"

The Resolution, adopted in Committee of the Whole, *on Friday last*, the 16th instant, affirming the expediency of amending and consolidating, as amended, the several Acts respecting Life Insurance, was reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and is as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend and consolidate, as amended, the several Acts respecting Life Insurance; repealing for that purpose the unrepealed portions of the Acts of Canada, 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48—34 *Victoria*, Chapter 9—37 *Victoria*, Chapter 48—38 *Victoria*, Chapter 21—part of the 23rd Section of 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 20—and Chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada.

Mr. *Cartwright* then introduced a Bill No. 36, to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting Insurance; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *on Monday next*.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:---

III.—CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

The Salaries of the Staff of the following Departments and Offices :—

3	The Department of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada	15,000 00
4	The Department of Justice	11,600 00
5	do Penitentiary Branch	3,850 00
6	The Department of Militia and Defence	35,750 00
7	do Secretary of State	31,990 00
8	do The Minister of the Interior	42,760 00
9	do Receiver General	21,050 00
10	do Finance	49,800 00
11	do Customs	28,450 00
12	do Inland Revenue	26,967 50
13	do Public Works	48,884 00
14	Post Office Department	85,950 00
15	Department of Agriculture	28,290 00
16	do Marine and Fisheries	25,070 00
17	Treasury Board Office	4,050 00
18	Departmental Contingencies	170,000 00
19	Stationery Office for Stationery	20,000 00
20	To meet the possible amount required for new appointments by an extension of the Staff, or any other change	10,000 00

IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

21	*Miscellaneous Justice* do North-West Territories	20,000 00
22	*Travelling Expenses* of Stipendiary Magistrates in North-West Territories	4,500 00
23	*Circuit Allowances*, British Columbia	15,000 00
24	do Manitoba	1,500 00
25	*Précis Writer* of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court	1,850 00
26	*Clerk* of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court	425 00
27	*Messenger* of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court	330 00
28	*Contingencies and Disbursements*, including Judges' travelling expenses and printing and binding reports, also salaries of Officers to be appointed in the Supreme Court of Canada, and the Exchequer Court	8,000 00
29	Salary of Registrar of Vice-Admiralty Court, Quebec	666 66
30	Salary of Marshal of Vice-Admiralty Court, Quebec	333 34
31	For the Salary of one Stipendiary Magistrate or County Court Judge, to provide, if necessary, for the vacancy created by the death of the late A. T. Bushby, Esq	2,425 00

At 6 o'clock, P.M., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to adjourn The House until half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred as follows, *viz* :—

To the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines :—

No. 9. Respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

No. 14. To amend the several Acts incorporating the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Company.

To the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce :—

No. 10. To amend the Act incorporating the London and Canada Bank.

No. 13. To incorporate the "Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association."

No. 17. To extend the provisions of Section 56 of the said Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America.

No. 20. To amend the Act of incorporation of the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited).

To the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills :—

No. 22. To incorporate the "Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry."

(*The Committee of Supply resumed.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted, viz:—

V.—POLICE.

32	Dominion Police	11,000 00

VI.—PENITENTIARIES.

33	Kingston Penitentiary	127,167 57
34	Rockwood Asylum	3,500 00
35	Halifax Penitentiary, Balances to be transferred to Dorchester Penitentiary if required	28,824 63
36	St. John do do do do do	40,498 50
37	St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary	78,164 13
38	Manitoba Penitentiary	14,389 77
39	British Columbia do	20,950 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, *on Monday next.*

The House then adjourned at 10:40 P. M., until Monday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Monday next—BILL respecting Procedure in Criminal cases in New Brunswick.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Monday next—BILL to repeal the Insolvent Act of 1875, and all Acts passed in amendment thereof.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto)—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for a statement shewing the extent and character of the Works carried on in the improvement of the Toronto Harbor during the past year; together with all correspondence, plans, &c., having reference to the best method or methods of permanently securing the harbor against damage and deepening it so as to admit vessels of largest tonnage navigating the upper lakes, with any estimates which may have been made of the cost of such improvements.

Mr. *Jones* (South Leeds)—On Tuesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all papers or correspondence, if any, in regard to placing the Dominion of Canada in as favourable a position as any Foreign Country, under the provisions of the Postal Union made at "Berne" on the 9th October, 1874.

Mr. *Cheval*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for a statement as exact as possible, shewing the amount paid by each Steamboat, to the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, during the season 1875-6, for wharfage dues,—together with the name and length of such Steamboat.

Mr. *Jetté*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled "An Act to make further provisions respecting the establishment and management of Building Socities in the Province of Quebec."

Mr. *Higinbotham*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for a Return shewing, 1st. The value of live cattle imported into each Province, between the 1st day of July, 1875, and the 1st day of January, 1877. 2nd. The value of live cattle imported into each Province during the same period, and entered in bond for exportation. 3rd. The value of live cattle exported from each Province during the same period, specifying what position thereof, related to cattle imported in bond. 4th. The value of meats, fresh or cured, the product of cattle imported and killed in bond, and exported during the same period from each Province. 5th. The total value of meats, fresh or cured, the product of horned cattle exported from each Province during the same period.

Mr. *Fiset*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General—For correspondence between the Government and the *Censitaires* of the Seigniory of *Nicolas Rioux*, in the County of Rimouski, or any other person, or between the Government and any Provincial Government, in the matter of the tax which the *Censitaires* of the said Seigniory pay to the Seigniors, instead of Statute Labor (*les journées de Corvée*)

Mr. *Casey*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for Engineer's Report of the survey of Eagle Harbor in the County of Elgin, to decide on its suitableness for a Harbor of Refuge.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Tuesday next—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, the following Resolutions,—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act to provide for the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters by repealing the 25th section thereof and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—

"25. It shall be lawful for the inspector appointed under this Act, at the request of any purchaser or undertaker, who shall give twenty-four hours notice, in writing, to the other party to the contract, at all reasonable times to enter any house or shop, store, yard, or other place whatsoever within his district, where any meter, stamped or unstamped, is fixed or used, and to remove such meter, doing as little damage thereby as may be; and if, upon examination and testing, it shall appear that any such meter is incorrect or fraudulent, such meter shall not be refixed or used again, unless and until altered and repaired so as to measure and register correctly, and stamped.

"2. And the cost of such removal, alteration, repairs and stamping shall be paid by, and may be recovered from the party against whom the decision is given."

2nd. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient further to amend the said Act by adding the following sub-section at the end of section thirty-one:

"2. Such tests shall be made at least once in each week, and in addition to such weekly tests, additional tests may be made when the quantity of gas made by any undertaker may be deemed sufficiently large to render such additional tests necessary; such necessity being determined by departmental regulations or order in that behalf."

3rd. *Resolved*.—That it is expedient further to amend the said Act by adding the following sub-sections at the end of section thirty-five:—

"2. The fees so determined as payable for testing the illuminating power and purity of gas, when such tests are made in pursuance of any general regulations in that behalf, shall be paid by the undertaker."

"3. When any purchaser requires to have a special test made as to the illuminating power or purity of gas, the fees chargeable for such test shall be paid by the party who requires it to be made."

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Tuesday next—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE the following Resolution :—

That it is expedient to amend the "Act to impose License dues on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the "Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs" by adding the following words to the definition of *adulterated Food or Drink*, contained in the first section of the said Act.

"Or from which any essential constituent part or ingredient has been in whole or in part abstracted."

Mr. *Killam*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada the Imperial Government and any other Governments or persons on the subject of the duty imposed on Canadian ships sold in France; also copies of such portions of recent Commercial Treaties between the United Kingdom and France, as permit the sale in France of ships registered in the United Kingdom on more favorable terms than ships registered in Canada.

PRIVATE BILLS NOTICE.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration by the respective Committee, *on or after Friday, 2nd March.*

Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce :—

No. 10. To amend the Act incorporating the London and Canada Bank.

No. 13. To incorporate "The Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association."

No. 17. To extend the provisions of Section 56 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America.

No. 20. To amend the Act of incorporation of the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited.)

Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines :—

No. 9. Respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

No. 14. To amend the several Acts incorporating the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Company.

Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills:—

No. 22. To incorporate the "Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry."

No. 11.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk of The House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a Certificate of the Election and Return of *Charles Francois Roy*, Esq., Member to represent the Electoral District of Kamouraska.

He also laid before The House,—Lists of Stockholders of the Union Bank of Lower Canada, on the 19th instant,—of *La Banque St. Jean*, on the 14th instant,—and of *La Banque de St. Hyacinthe*, on the 20th instant, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Ninety-one Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Albert Railway Company, of Albert County, New Brunswick, heretofore incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick; praying for the passing of an Act by the Parliament of Canada, granting them certain powers.

Of *C. J. Stewart* and others interested in the coal trade and shipping interests of the Dominion; praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States, and that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all coal imported into the Dominion.

Of *Hugh Mathewson*, President, and others, Directors and Stockholders of the Côteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Company, and others, Merchants, Traders and others interested in the construction and completion of the same; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of their Railway and Bridge, and to enable them to change the location of the Eastern terminus of said Railway.

Of *Francis Munro* and others, of Portuguese Cove, County of Halifax; praying that the present Fishery Law may be modified so as not to prevent the catching of salmon in the fall of the year at Portuguese Cove and other places similarly situated.

Of *John Fisken* and others, Stockholders of the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of Canada; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Company to that of the Union Assurance Company of Canada, and also for an extension of powers.

Of the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to re-enact the provisions of Chapter fifty-two of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, so far as they are concerned, also to re-enact the provisions of Section twenty of Thirty-one *Victoria*, Chapter forty-eight, and for power to change their name to that of the London Mutual Insurance Company.

The Petition of *Elias Tower*, and others, interested in the navigation of the St. Lawrence, was read; praying for further improvements to facilitate the navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—" That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least " three Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this " Petition not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Committee on Bill No. 3 respecting Procedure and Evidence in criminal cases, reported the same with amendments, and the amended clauses of the said Bill, are as follow :—

The said sections and this Act to apply to nuisance.

2. All the provisions of the twenty-eighth section of the above recited Act, and of this Act, shall extend and be applicable to the offences of nuisances, and of forcible entry or detainer, and the said sections shall henceforth be read as if the said offences had been included therein.

Evidence as to possession by receiver of other stolen goods.

3. Where proceedings are taken against any person for having received goods, knowing them to be stolen, or for having in his possession stolen property, evidence may be given, at any stage of the proceedings, that there was found in the possession of such person, other property stolen within the preceding period of twelve months, and such evidence may be taken into consideration for the purpose of proving that such person knew the property to be stolen which forms the subject of the proceedings taken against him; provided that not less than three days' notice in writing shall have been given to the person accused, that proof is intended to be given of such other property being stolen within the preceding period of twelve months having been found in his possession, and such notice shall specify the nature or description of such other property, and the person from whom the same was stolen.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax) introduced a Bill No. 37 relating to the Protest of Inland Bills, in the Province of Nova Scotia, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Palmer* introduced the two following Bills, which were read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Wednesday next, viz:*—

No. 38 Respecting Procedure in criminal cases in New Brunswick.

No. 39 To repeal the Insolvent Act of 1875, and all Acts passed in amendment thereof.

Mr. *Blake* introduced the two following Bills, which were read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *to-morrow, viz:*—

No. 40 Respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario; and to amend the Penitentiary Act of 1875.

No. 41 To establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario.

Mr. *Laflamme* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 15th instant; Copies of instructions from the Department of Inland Revenue to Inspectors, in connection with the Weight and Measures Act; together with the names and salaries of each Inspectors, and Sub-Inspectors.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill No. 2 to repeal the Insolvent Act now in force in the Dominion of Canada, being read;

Mr. *Barthe* moved, that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Wood* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be read a second time, this day four months.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), adjourned.

Mr. *Blake* presented, Return to Address of the 15th instant; Copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion, and of the late Province of Canada, and the Imperial Government; and all Orders in Council, and other papers touching the extension of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Vice Admiralty to the Inland Waters of Canada.

The House then adjourned at 11 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for a Return of the Contingencies voted and expended in each Department of the Government, from the 1st of July, 1868, to the close of the last financial year. The Returns also to show the amount expended from July 1st, 1873, to 1st November of the same year.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. That a barrel of apples or other fruit shall, from and after the 1st day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, be held to mean a barrel of the following inside dimensions, that is to say:—Diameter at each head, seventeen inches; diameter at mid-length of the stave, twenty inches; length between the heads, twenty-six inches; or of such other dimensions as will give a capacity of not less than twenty-five gallons.

2. That every bargain for the sale and purchase of apples or other fruit by the barrel shall be understood to be for barrels of the above dimensions.

3. That any person who uses for packing apples or other fruit, for sale, barrels of less dimensions or capacity than are herein stated, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall for the first offence incur a penalty of *five dollars* for every barrel so used, and a penalty of double the amount for every subsequent offence.

4. That this Act shall be read and construed as one Act with the Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of Her Majesty's reign, and known as "*The Weights and Measures Act*, 1873"; and all forfeitures and penalties imposed by this Act shall be recoverable and appropriated in the same manner as forfeitures and penalties are recoverable and appropriated under the said Act.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on the Bill No. 3, the following additional clause:

The ninety-fifth Section, of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the words following: And wherever practicable every whipping shall take place not less than ten days before the expiration of "any term of imprisonment to which the offender is sentenced for the offence."

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government intend to place an item in the Estimates with a view to have Canada properly represented at the Grand International Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1878?

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled "An Act to make provision for improvements in "prison discipline."

Mr. *Dewdney*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all correspondence with reference to the appointment of Mr. *J. G. Norris*, as Deputy Collector of Customs, Kootenay, British Columbia, with copies of any recommendations on his behalf.

Mr. *Dewdney*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all correspondence between the Government and Mr. *T. C. Dupont* or any other parties with reference to his inspection of the several Custom Stations between Victoria and Kootenay in 1876—also copy of instructions to Mr. *Dupont*, as well as his report on his return.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence and documents passed or written subsequent to the 1st October, 1876, relating to the superannuation, retiring allowance, or allowance made to the widow or relatives of *Edwin Larwill*, a late employee of the Dominion Government, deceased.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex)—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for a Return of the names and number of officials in each Department of the Government with the Salaries payable on the 1st July, 1873, and on the 6th of November of the same year, had the several Orders in Council then existing been carried into effect; also a similar return for the Civil Service salaries payable on 1st July, 1874-5 and 6.

Return to shew what proportion of the increase (if any) was made under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1870.

Mr. *Geoffrion*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled "An Act to authorize the construction of Water Works by Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled "An Act for the prevention of Gambling practices in certain public conveyances."

Mr. *Ryan*----On Wednesday next---ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for Return shewing the quantity of wood land in the County of Marquette, and the number of licenses to cut wood or timber, in the said County, sold or issued by the Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba, during the last three years, to persons not being actual settlers.

Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness)---On Wednesday next----ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for all Reports and Plans of Port Hood Harbor in the County of Inverness, made by Engineers under direction of the Dominion Government.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Friday next---ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for all copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Council of the County of Carleton respecting a Bridge across the Rideau River at the Village of Wellington.

Mr. *Rochester*---On Monday next---ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Council of the County of Carleton respecting a Bridge over the By-Wash at Long Island.

Mr. *Rochester*---On Friday next---ORDER OF THE HOUSE, for copies of all instructions issued from the Inland Revenue Department to its Officers throughout the Dominion both by letter and Telegraph as to what time the duty on Malt was to take effect.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex)---On Wednesday next---That an Order do issue for a Return of the Government deposits in the different Banks of the Dominion for each quarter from January 1st, 1872, to January 1st 1877 inclusive.

Mr. *McCarthy*---IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on Bill (No. 3) intituled, "An Act respecting Procedure and Evidence in Criminal cases." As an amendment to the said Bill---That a clause in the words following be added thereto:

5. On the trial of any person for any indictable offence, the depositions or deposition of any witness, purporting to have been taken before the Justice or Justices before whom the charge was investigated, and to be signed by him or them, and which has been duly returned to the proper officer, may be given and shall be received in evidence, at the instance either of the Crown Prosecutor or the accused, without further proof, for any purpose for which the written statement of the witness whose deposition is offered in evidence could be used, unless it be proved that such deposition was not in fact signed by the Justice purporting to have signed the same.

Mr. *Burpee*----On Friday next----That The House do go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :----

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting the Customs, 31 *Vic.*, cap 6, so as to make better provisions for the Reporting of vessels inwards and outwards.

The Reporting of Railway Trains at frontier ports, &c., inwards and outwards.

To make better provision for the securing of correct statements of Exports by land and water.

To provide greater security to the revenue in connection with the warehouses and warehousing business of Canada; and to consolidate the Act so amended and the amendments made to it by any other Acts; such amendments not affecting the Tariff of duties.

No. 12.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 187

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VOTES AND PROCEEDING
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

One hundred and twenty-four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, *viz.*:—Of the Corporation of the Town of Kincardine, County of Bruce; for an Act empowering them to collect dues at the Harbor in the said Town of Kincardine;—Of the Albert Railway Company, of the County of Albert, New Brunswick, heretofore incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick; for the passing of an Act by the Parliament of Canada, granting them certain powers;—Of *John Fisher*, and others, Stockholders of the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of Canada; for an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Company to that of the Union Assurance Company of Canada; and also for an extension of powers;—Of *Hugh Mathewson*, President, and others, Directors and Shareholders, of the Coteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Company, and Merchants, Traders, and others, interested in the construction and completion of the same; for an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of their Railway and Bridge, and to enable them to change the location of the Eastern Terminus of said Railway;—Of *J. Barsalou*, and others; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the *St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company*;—Of *A. H. Moore*, and others, of the City of Montreal; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Canada Beef and Butter Company (Limited);—Of *Moise Houde*, M.P.P., and others, of *Rivière du Loup*, County of Maskinongé; for an amendment to their Act of incorporation, so as to permit the reconstruction of the Bridge, without draw or swing, over *Rivière du Loup*;—Of *Edward A. Prentice*, and others, of the City of Montreal; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Union Cable Company, for the purpose of establishing telegraphic communication between the Dominion of Canada and the United Kingdom;—Of the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company; for an Act empowering them to reduce their Capital Stock; and for other purposes;—And of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Company; for an

Act granting them an extension of powers. The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Union Forwarding and Railway Company for an Act empowering them to reduce their Capital Stock, and find the Notice insufficient in point of time; but as no private rights can be affected by the measure, other than those of the Petitioners, the Committee therefore recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *on Thursday next, viz:*—

By Mr. *Gillies*—Bill No. 42 to authorize the Town of Kincardine, in the County of Bruce, to impose and collect certain tolls at the Harbour, in the said Town.

By Mr. *Currier*—Bill No. 43 to authorize the Union Forwarding and Railway Company to reduce its paid-up Capital.

By Mr. *Boyer*—Bill No. 44 to amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup*, in the *County of Maskinonge.*

By Mr. *Jetté*—Bill No. 45 to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company.

Also,—Bill No. 46 to incorporate the Union Cable Company.

By Mr. *Richard*—Bill No. 47 to amend the Dominion Elections Act of 1874.

By Mr. *Domville*—Bill No. 48 to grant additional powers to the Albert Railway Company.

By Mr. *Cook*—Bill No. 49 to amend the Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House, *viz:*—

Bill No. 18 to make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada; and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith.—*Committed for Thursday next.*

Bill No. 23 to extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island certain of the Criminal Laws, now in force in other Provinces of Canada.—*Committed for to-morrow.*

Bill No. 24 to amend the Act respecting Larceny, and other similar offences.—*Committed for to-morrow.*

Bill No. 27 to amend the Act respecting Offences against the Person.—*Committed for to-morrow.*

Bill No. 36 to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting Insurance,—which was referred to the *Select Standing Committee* on *Banking and Commerce.*

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions, in relation to the Act 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 31, and Act 39 *Victoria*, respecting the salaries of Judges,—and of the County Court Judges in the Province of Nova Scotia, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend the eighth section of the Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign intituled "*An Act to amend the Act, thirty-sixth Victoria, chapter thirty-one, for the re-adjustment of the salaries of Judges, and other purposes*" by striking out the words "for fifteen years" in the said section contained and substituting therefor the words "for ten years."

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that the said amendment shall extend to the application of the amended section to the County Court Judges in Nova Scotia by virtue of the second section of the Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign intituled "*An Act to provide for the salaries of County Court Judges in the Province of Nova Scotia, and for other purposes.*"

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Blake* then introduced a Bill No. 50 to amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 4, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain Resolution, respecting the Inland Revenue Act; and the Committee having made some progress, rose, and obtained leave to sit again, *to-morrow.*

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 15th instant; Copy of Mr. *Langmuir's* Report on the Marine Hospital, at Quebec.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted :---

VII.—LEGISLATION.

Senate.

40	Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Senate	50,918 00

House of Commons.

41	Salaries, per Clerks' Estimate	59,850 00
42	Expenses of Committees, Extra Sessional Clerks, &c	8,500 00
43	Contingencies	20,100 00
44	Publishing Debates	15,000 00
45	Salaries and Contingencies per Sergeant at Arms' Estimate	28,850 00

Miscellaneous.

46	Grant to Parliamentary Library, including provision for Law Books	10,000 00
47	Printing, Binding and Distributing the Laws	14,900 00
48	To meet the estimated expenses in connexion with Consolidation of the Laws	8,000 00
49	Printing, Printing paper and Bookbinding	70,000 00
50	Contingencies of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery	1,200 00
51	Miscellaneous Printing	2,000 00

VIII.—ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

52	To meet expenses in connection with the care of Archives	3,000 00
53	To meet expenses in connection with the organization of the "Patent Record"	7,200 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Charles Francois Roy, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Kamouraska, having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed the Roll, containing the same, took his seat in The House.

(*The Committee of Supply resumed.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :---

54	To meet expenses in connection with the preparation of Criminal Statistics	5,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,---and Committee to sit again, *to-morrow*.

The House then adjourned at 15 minutes past 11 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Bernier*—On Thursday next — ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY — Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a law during this Session to protect business men against false reports delivered by Commercial Agencies, which have the effect of injuring the credit of parties perfectly solvent?

Mr. *Thibaudeau* — On Thursday next — ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY — Whether it is the intention of the Government during this Session to grant a sum of money in aid of the construction of the Quebec and Lake St. Johns Railway?

Mr. *Barthe*---On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of the Petition of *J. B. Brousseau*, Esquire, of the Town of Sorel, dated 26th February, 1876, in relation to Mr. Justice *Loranger;* also that the said Petition be then referred to the Committee appointed by this House to enquire into the charges preferred against the Hon. Judge.

Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew)---On Thursday next—BILL intituled "An Act to provide for the attendance of voters at Elections of representatives to the Commons."

Mr. *White* (Renfrew)—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the Engineer in charge of the Culbute Canal, in reference to the petition of *Elizabeth Sullivan*, of the Township of Pembroke, in the County of Renfrew, praying for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by her, through the construction of a Dam at the said Culbute Canal, together with a copy of the Engineer's Report on the subject matter of the said Petition.

Mr. *Scriver*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether, in view of the difficulties recently occurring between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Locomotive Engineers in their employ and the great injury to the Public interest arising therefrom; it is the intention of the Government at the present Session to introduce any legislation having for its end the prevention of similar evils in future?

Mr. *Shibley*—On Thursday next---ORDER OF HOUSE for Return shewing the quantity and price of land purchased for the purposes of the construction and maintenance of the Kingston and Ottawa Division of the Rideau Canal; also copies of all leases or agreements disposing of any water power in connection with said Canal.

Mr. *Blake*---IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on Bill (No. 24) An Act to amend the Act respecting Larceny and other similar offences---The following new clause:---"The fourth section of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out the word 'three' and substituting the word 'seven.'"

Mr. *Jones* (North Leeds)---That the Report laid on the Table referring to the Dominion Dam, Devil Lake, Township of Bedford, be printed, and that an extra number be printed for the use of Members.

Mr. *Cheval*---On Thursday next---ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY---Whether the Government would be good enough to take into consideration whether the most expeditious mode of causing the twenty cents piece of money to disappear from circulation, would not be to call it in and have it stamped as twenty-five cents, inasmuch as it will always be a real nuisance to the public?

Mr. *Mackenzie*---On Friday next---The following Resolution:---

That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to make arrangements for carrying out the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway in pursuance of negotiations entered into with the Government of Nova Scotia, and the Halifax and Cape Breton Railway and Coal Company, under the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th May, 1874; and for that purpose to provide---

1. That the said Branch Railway with sufficient land for the purposes thereof and the Stations and buildings thereon, but without rolling stock, may be transferred absolutely to the person or Company constructing a line of Railway from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, and providing sufficient rolling stock and appurtenances for the same, and a proper Steam Ferry across the said Strait, the whole to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works.

2. That temporary possession of the said Branch Railway may be given to the person or Company with whom the Nova Scotia Government shall have contracted for the construction of the said extension to the said Strait, and the establishment of the said Steam Ferry, as soon as such person or Company shall have expended not less than $400,000 on the work to the satisfaction of the said Minister of Public Works; subject to immediate resumption of the said Branch Railway by the Government of Canada and repayment of the net earnings thereof, in case of failure to fulfil the conditions aforesaid, by such person or Company, who shall give proper security for the fulfilment thereof and for the payment of all damages resulting from such failure, to the satisfaction of the Minister; such failure also operating the avoidance of any arrangement for the absolute transfer of the said Branch Railway.

Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton)---On Thursday next---ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of Returns of Harbor Masters for the year ending December 31st, 1876, shewing the amount of fees collected by such ; the names of all vessels from which fees were collected ; also any correspondence in relation to the Office of Harbor Master for the Port of Little Glace Bay, N.S.

Mr. *Pouliot*---On Monday next---ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY---Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a light-ship on the reef lying between Riviere du Loup and the Brandy Pots ?

Sir *John Macdonald*---On Thursday next---ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Orders in Council relating to the late strike on the Grand Trunk Railway Company and of all correspondence with the Ontario Government and with the officials of the Grand Trunk Railway Company on the subject ; together with a Statement of the steps taken by the Militia Department to aid the civil power in preventing the stoppage of the Railway Trains and a Statement of the cost of employing a Militia Force for the purpose.

No. 13.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1877

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Twenty-two Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *William Brock* and others; of *George Richmond* and others; of *Edward Caldwell* and others; of *Robert Kellam* and others; of *John Tipp* and others; of *Mark Munday* and others; of *Samuel Barpewell* and others; of *Oliver Ransom* and others; of *William Haldenly* and others; of *Walter Brett* and others; of *John McFadye* and others; of *George Davidson* and others; of *William McDevitt* and others; of *Joseph Goodfellow* and others; of *Alexander McLaughlin* and others; of *Robert Hall* and others; of *John Stickney* and others; of *William J. Montgomery* and others; of *William Rynson Gordanier* and others; of *Francis Heightholm* and others; of *William Broomfield* and others; of *William McFarlane* and others; of *Luke Pearsall* and others; of Mrs. *Isaac Fraser* and others; of *Joseph Wright* and others; of *Robert Knox* and others; of *Edward Archer* and others; of *Timothy Connell* and others; of *David Deer* and others; of *Joseph Dodds* and others; of *Charles E. Porter* and others; of *Andrew Shore* and others; of *John Wilson* and others; of *John A. Spencer* and others; of *Francis Shiel* and others; of *James Cuthill* and others; of *Moss J. Olmsted* and others; of *William Cole* and others; of *William Webster* and others; of *Thomas Steele* and others; of *James Morrison* and others; of *W. J. Massey* and others; of *Malcolm McTaggart* and others; of *Robert Laidlaw* and others; of *William K. Knowlton* and others; of *John Butchart* and others; of *Alfred Shell* and others; of *Silvanus Woodard* and others; of *John Ramsey* and others; of *Henry Tufford* and others; of *J. B. Beynon* and others; of *William Johnston* and others; of *Aaron Austin* and others; of *Peter Stewart* and others; of *Edward Pepper* and others; of *James Lang* and others; of *Calvin Davis* and others; of *Alice Freeman* and others; of *George Twiss* and others; of *Francis Van de Bogart* and others; of *John Shier* and others; of *Tilton H. Stephens* and others; of *Samuel Honey* and others; of *Henry D. Irwin* and others; of *James Fiddes* and others; of *Francis Rankin* and others; of *William Webster* and others; of *A. McIntosh* and others; of *F. M. Carpenter* and others; of *Adam Shier* and others; of *James Gillespie* and others; of *A. J. Hughes* and others; of *John*

Holborn and others; of *Richard F. Pollard* and others; of *L. S. Tisdale* and others, of *Robert Gardiner* and others; of *Hiram Kester* and others; of *George Book* and others; of *Ira Stafford* and others; of *William Forrester* and others; of *Alexander Carrel* and others; of *Abraham Lee* and others; of *John Hooper* and others; and of *John M. Syme* and others, Agriculturists of Canada; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, may become law.

Of the County Council of the County of Essex; praying for an alteration of the Canadian Tariff so that it may correspond with the Tariff of the United States in respect to Agricultural Products.

Of the Dominion Building Society; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Society to that of the City Mortgage Loan Company, to increase their Capital Stock, and to further amend the Charter of the said Society.

Of *E. C. Monk*, Attorney for the heirs of the late Honorable *Robert Jones*; praying for a renewal of privileges in relation to the Toll bridge over the River Richelieu.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of Bruce; praying for the repeal of Sub-section four of Section twelve of the Act respecting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors passed in the year 1864.

The Petitions of *Antoine Dumont*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Rose de Dégelé*; of the Reverend *L. H. Bautard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Ha-Ha*, in the County of Temiscouata,—of *Paschal Le Bel*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Honoré*, County of Temiscouata,—of the Reverend *Joseph Alfred Pérusse*, and others, of *Notre Dame du Lac*, County of Temiscouata, severally praying for repairs to the Bridge and Roadway of the Temiscouata Road,—and the Petition of the County Council, of the County of Essex, praying for an appropriation of money for the purpose of dredging the River *Canard*, were read.

And motion being made, that the said Petitions be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the granting the prayers of these Petitions would involve the expenditure of public money, they cannot be received."

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to audit the Printing Accounts, together with the Report of the Clerk of the Committee on the Printing Services of the past year, and "The Printing Account Balance Sheet," all hereto annexed, all of which they respectfully recommend to the consideration of both Houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ROSS,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
27th February, 1877.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, to whom was referred the Printing Accounts, together with the Balance Sheet and the Clerk's Report on the services of the past year, beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have carefully examined the Balance Sheet, and found the sums for which the Printing, Services of Parliament are debited to agree with the Certificate of the Auditor, of Warrants issued, &c. For the sums expended, accounts and vouchers in detail were furnished and examined by Your Committee and found correct. The Printing Accounts were further verified by fyles of the work performed, with their cost, in detail, in each, a sufficient number of which Your Committee examined to satisfy themselves of their correctness. They have therefore signed the Balance Sheet, certifying that the Balance Sheet and Accounts have been examined by them and found correct.

A communication from the Distributor was submitted to Your Committee, stating that from the increase of the labor in the Department an extra Sessional Messenger was necessary; the Sub-Committee having enquired into the necessity, respectfully recommend that the application be granted, and that *William Cairns*, now doing the duty temporarily, be retained sessionally.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
February, 1877.

To the Chairman and Members of the Joint Committee on Printing:

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I beg to submit the Annual Balance Sheet for 1875-6, which shews the cost of the Printing Services of Parliament for that year to have been $59,879.59.

The Accounts in detail, together with the Vouchers and fyle of the work performed, are ready for submission to the Audit Committee.

The several services have been satisfactorily performed during the recess, and the Contractors have evinced every desire to meet the requirements of Parliament, and I think, very successfully.

The total cost of the Official Publication of the Debates of the House of Commons for the Session of 1876 was $11,280.15.

I prepared an estimate of $70,000 for the Printing Services of Parliament for the year 1876-7, being the amount voted last year, and transmitted the same to the Minister of Finance, to be laid before Parliament with the other Estimates for the year; subject, however, to the approval of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HARTNEY, *Clerk,*
Department, Printing of Parliament.

PARLIAMENTARY PRINTING ACCOUNT, Annual Balance Sheet, from 1st July 1875, to 30th June, 1876.

Dr. *Cr.*

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July 1.....	To cash on hand.....	4,936 73	1	By Printing, I. B. Taylor.....	4,832 47
	To value of Paper on hand from last Session.....	2,529 35	2	Do do	2,540 76
	To amount of Warrants issued, Parliamentary Printing.....	57,000 00	3	Do MacLean & Roger..$37,362 68 Less retained as representing the 20 per cent.. 7,402 60	29,960 08
	To amount of Warrants issued, Departmental Reports.....	8,732 12		By Printing, MacLean & Roger twenty per cent retained from last account	2,518 88
	To amount received for the Printing of Private Bills.....	506 38	4	By Binding	5,229 93
			5	By Printing Paper.....$18,763 20 do on hand from last Session 2,529 35	
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				Total cost of Paper used.....	19,354 25
			6	By Insurance.....	95 00
			7	By Salaries.....	2,750 02
			8	By Postage.....	1,661 96
			9	By Miscellaneous.....	133 74
			10	By Superannuation Fund.....	41 00
				Total cost.....	69,118 09
				By value of paper on hand.....	1,938 30
				By cash in hand	2,948 19
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$1,938 30

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Departmental Reports...$8,732 12
Private Bills 506 38
9,238 50
Total cost, Parliamentary Printing..... .....$59,879 59

Numerically calculated, the cost for each House would stand thus:—
The Senate $15,186 86
The House of Commons..... 44,692 73
$59,879 59

COMMITTEE ROOM, July, 1876.

Examined and found correct. J. SIMPSON,
GEO. W. ROSS,
J. C. AIKINS,
ALPH. DESJARDINS,
J. O. BUREAU,
} *Sub-Committee.*

HENRY HARTNEY, *Clerk,*
Department, Printing of Parliament.

On motion of Mr. *Jetté*, the Petition of the *Royal Canadian Insurance Company*, presented this day, was read and received; praying that the Rule regarding previous notice of the introduction of a Bill by them, may be suspended; and for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, as follows, *viz*:—

By Mr. *Holton*—Bill No. 51 to extend the powers of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Company. —*Second reading on Friday next.*

By Mr. *Domville*—Bill No. 52 further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.—*Second reading on Friday next.*

By Mr. *Jetté*—Bill No. 53 to make further provisions for the establishment and management of Building Societies in the Province of Quebec.—*Second reading to-morrow.*

Also,—a Bill No. 54 to authorize the construction of Water Works by Joint Stock Companies.—*Second reading to-morrow.*

By Mr. *Blake*—Bill No. 55 to make provision for improvements in Prison discipline.—*Second reading to-morrow.*

Also,—a Bill No. 56 for the prevention of gambling practices in certain public conveyances.—*Second reading to-morrow.*

Mr. *Mackenzie* delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, further correspondence having reference to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 16th February, 1877.

The Earl of Carnarvon to Lieutenant-Governor Richards.

DOWNING STREET,
January 18th, 1877

SIR,—I duly received your telegram informing me that your Ministers are anxious to convene the Legislature directly, and to place before the House Her Majesty's decision on the Petition of February, 1876, respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and requesting me to telegraph to you the substance of the decision arrived at.

2. I replied by my telegram of the 17th instant, informing you that I was about to write to you by the mail and trusted that no conclusion would be arrived at, nor action taken, until the arrival of my despatch.

3. I now wish to explain to you that on the 18th of December last I addressed a despatch to the Governor General of Canada (No. 362) setting forth at length the views of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the railway question.

4. A copy of that despatch has, I am informed by Lord *Dufferin*, been transmitted to you and it is my desire that it should be regarded as addressed as much to the Province of British Columbia in answer to the representations received from the Council and Assembly, as to the Government of the Dominion.

5. I feel assured that your Government and Legislature will give due weight to the recommendations therein contained and that they will accept my assurance that after careful and anxious consideration of the subject, I feel that any attempt at this precise moment to come to a final decision would be inexpedient in the interest of any party, and would create fresh difficulties to the settlement of the question, on that just and satisfactory footing which Her Majesty's Government so earnestly desire.

6. As you are well aware it is not usual for the Secretary of State to correspond direct with a Provincial Government, the Rules of the Service requiring that all such communications should be made to the Governor General.

As, however, I have been led to understand that in the present case your Government have expected a direct communication from Her Majesty's Government, I have addressed this despatch to you, and have explained to the Governor General the circumstances under which I have done so.

I have &c.,
(Signed) CARNARVON

Lieut.-Governor RICHARDS.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency, for a copy of all Reports or statements made as to the construction or attempted construction of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway, under contract by the Hon. *A. B. Foster*; as all correspondence between the Hon. Mr. *Foster* and

the Government as to the said contract or the work done thereunder, or the failure to perform the same, any Departmental Orders or Orders in Council passed as to the matter of the said Public Work, especially the Order as to the cancellation of said contract; together with a statement of the service or services for which the sum of $109,000.50 has been paid to the said *A. B. Foster*, on account of said contract; and also for the advertisement for Tenders for the said work; the evidence showing that the Contractor was worth $4,000 per mile, as recited in said contract, and the Certificate of the deposit of the $85,000, also referred to therein; so far as not already laid before The House.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* moved in amendment, to add the following words:—"All letters, correspondence and evidence laid before the Minister of Public Works to satisfy him, in pursuance of the terms of the Order in Council, dated 4th November, 1874, and ratified by Resolution of this House on 13th March, 1875, that the Canada Central Railway Company had provided sufficient means, with the Government *bonus*, to secure the completion of the line on or before the 1st January, 1877.—Also Reports made from time to time, showing that the Company, when making such progress as justified the hope of the completion of the line within the time mentioned.—Also, a statement of payments made to said Company on account of the subsidy granted on the conditions, mentioned in said Order in Council; and of the quality, kind, and weight per yard of the Rails delivered at any point of the line to be constructed; the value of said Rails, the evidence or certificate of said value, and payments made on account of said Rails,—and the dates of such payments, and the place or places where said Rails are delivered, and if not delivered on the line to be constructed, the distance or distances therefrom"; which was agreed to.

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to, and the Address ordered accordingly.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred, as follows:—

To the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines:—

No. 25. To amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.

No. 28. Respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company.

No. 8. To change the name of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, to the International Railway Company, and for other purposes.

No. 35. Concerning the Ottawa, Vaudreuil and Montreal Railway Company.

No. 12. To grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited.)

To the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce:—

No. 29. To amend the Act passed in the 39th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited.)"

No. 30. To incorporate the Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

No. 31. To authorize and provide for the winding up of the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 32. Respecting "La Banque Jacques Cartier."

No. 34. To amend the Act to incorporate the "Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company."

No. 16. Respecting the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To the Select Standing Committtee on Miscellaneous Private Bills:—

No. 26. To vest the property and powers of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company in *Joseph Harris McClellan.*

No. 33. To incorporate "La Société de construction St. Jacques," as a permanent Building Society; and for other purposes.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Barthe's* proposed motion for the second reading of the Bill No. 2 to repeal the Insolvent Acts now in force in the Dominion of Canada,—and the motion of Mr. *Wood* in amendment thereto, and which motion was:—"That the said Bill be read a second time, this day four months."

And the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Costigan,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Ray,
Archibald,	Cunningham,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Richard,
Bain,	Davies,	Kerr,	Robillard,
Bertram,	De St. Georges,	Killam,	Robinson,
Biggar,	Dymond,	Kirkpatrick,	Ross (*Durham*),
Blake,	Farrow,	Laflamme,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bolduc,	Ferris,	Lajoie,	Ryan,
Borden,	Fiset,	Landerkin,	Scatcherd,

Borron,	Fleming,	Jetté,	Schultz,
Bowell,	Flesher,	Lanthier,	Sinclair,
Bowman,	Flynn,	Laurier,	Smith (*Peel*),
Boyer,	Forbes,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Buell,	Fraser,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burk,	Fréchette,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Snider,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Galbraith,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Taschereau,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McCraney,	Thibaudeau,
Cartwright,	Gibson,	McGregor,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Casey,	Gillmor,	McIsaac,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Casgrain,	Greenway,	McNab,	Trow,
Cauchon,	Guthrie,	Mills,	Vail,
Charlton,	Hagar,	Norris,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Christie,	Hall,	Paterson,	White (*Renfrew*),
Church,	Higinbotham,	Perry,	Wood,
Cockburn,	Holton,	Pettes,	Workman,
Coffin,	Horton,	Platt,	Yeo.—103
Cook,	Irving,	Pope (*Queen's P.E.I.*),	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Cheval,	Haggart,	Ouimet,
Barthe,	Cimon,	Harwood,	Pinsonneault,
Richard,	Colby,	Hurteau,	Robitaille,
Benoit,	Coupal,	Little,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bernier,	Delorme,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Rouleau,
Blanchet,	Desjardins,	McCallum,	Rymal,
Bourassa,	Domville,	McQuade,	Stephenson,
Brown,	Donahue,	Monteith,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Bunster,	Ferguson,	Montplaisir,	White (*Hastings*),
Campbell,	Gill,	Mousseau,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—41.
Caron,			

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, this day four months.

The House then adjourned at 25 minutes past 11 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Flynn*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of Orders in Council, and contracts entered into during the year 1876, in connection with the enlargement of St. Peter's Canal.

Mr. *Blake*—On Friday next—BILL intituled "An Act to extend the Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs to the Province of British Columbia."

Mr. *Tupper*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia relating to the Great Seal of the Province that has been affixed to all documents requiring the same since Confederation.

Mr. *Fréchette*—On Monday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the incorporation of the Pilots for and below the Harbor of Quebec."

Mr. *Campbell*—On Friday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for correspondence with reference to the removal of *Malcolm Matheson* as Post Master at Little Narrows, County of Victoria, in the year 1874.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Friday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for Report of Government Engineer, on the practicability of opening Aspy Bay Harbor, Victoria, so as to admit vessels of certain tonnage, in the year 1872.

Mr. *Tupper*—On Friday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for copies of all correspondence between *Sarah Graham*, Widow, and the Government, in reference to an application for aid in consequence of the reduction of salary and subsequent death of the late *William Graham*, at that time a Messenger of this House.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the Supplementary Estimates a sum of money for the construction of a branch line of Railway from St. Charles, County of Bellechasse, to St. Joseph de Lévis, in order to avoid the detour by the Chaudière ?

Mr. *Domville*—On Friday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for a Statement in detail shewing the quantities, descriptions and value of Machinery, Locomotives, Roofs, Bridges, Turn-tables, Nails, Spikes and other goods, imported into the Dominion of Canada for the use of the Intercolonial Railway and Prince Edward Island Railway and admitted free of duty from the first of January, 1874, to 1st January, 1877 ; giving the names of the parties importing or supplying ; where imported from and port of entry.

Mr. *Blain*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for Returns shewing the increased quantities between 12 and 14 feet depth of water in the Welland Canal, and also the St. Lawrence Canals and Rivers, in the following materials, namely,

Masonry,
Dredging,
Earth Excavations,
Rock Cutting { 1 above water,
2 below water,
Timber,
Plank ;

Also the Prices upon which the Calculations in the Engineers Reports are based ;

Also, the soundings of the River and Lakes which have been made for the purpose of obtaining 14 feet of water.

Mr. *Caron*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to ask for a sum of money to begin the improvements known as the *Dufferin* improvements in the City of Quebec ?

PRIVATE BILLS NOTICE.

The following Bills were this day, posted for consideration by the respective Committees *on or after Wednesday the 7th March, next.*

To the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines :---

No. 25. To amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.
No. 28. Respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company.
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No. 14.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY,

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 40 Victoria,

VOTES AND PROCEEDIN
OF THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1877.

Prayers were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,---a certified copy of the Judgment and decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, in the matter of

Osée Brassard, *et al.* (Petitioners),

Appellants,

and

The Hon. Hector Louis Langevin (Defendant),

Respondent,

which he had received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada.

And the same was read, and is as follows:---

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA.

Wednesday, the 28th day of February, A. D. 1877

Present:

The Honorable The CHIEF JUSTICE,
" Mr. Justice RITCHIE,
" " " STRONG,
" " " TASCHEREAU,
" " " FOURNIER,
" " " HENRY,

Osée Brassard, *et al.* (Petitioners),

Appellants,

and

The Honorable Hector Louis Langevin (Defendant),

Respondent.

The Appeal of the above named Appellants from the Judgment of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec, rendered by the Honorable Mr. Justice *Routhier* on the fifth day of November, A. D. 1876, setting aside the petition of the said Appellants, complaining of the illegality of the Election of the said Respondent as a Member of the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Charlevoix,

having come on to be heard before this Court on the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first days of the month of January last past, and the first day of the month of February instant, in presence of Counsel as well for the Appellants as the Respondent, and this Court having heard what was alleged by Counsel aforesaid, was pleased to direct that the said Appeal should stand over for Judgment, and it having come on this day for Judgment this Court did *Order* and *Adjudge* that the said Appeal should be, and the same was allowed and that the said Judgment of the said Superior Court for the Province of Quebec be reversed, and this Court did *further adjudge and determine* as follows:—

1. That the said The Honorable *Hector Louis Langevin* was not duly elected a Member to serve in the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Charlevoix, in the Province of Quebec, at the Election held in the month of January, A.D. 1876, which Election and return were published in the *Canada Gazette* on the fifth day of February, A.D. 1876.

2. That the said Election for the said Electoral District of Charlevoix is a void Election.

3. That the said *Hector Louis Langevin* was by his Agents guilty of the offence of undue influence at the said Election.

4. That the said offence of undue influence was committed by the Reverend *Joseph Sirois*, Curé of Baie St. Paul, the Reverend *W. Tremblay*, Curé of St. Fidéle, the Reverend *Ignace Langlois*, Curé of St. Hilarion, the Reverend *Francois Cinq-Mars*, Curé of St. Siméon and the Reverend *N. Doucet*, Curé of St. Etienne of Malbaie, the Agents of the said *Hector Louis Langevin*, without his actual knowledge and consent.

5. That the said *Hector Louis Langevin* do pay to the Petitioners the costs of this Appeal except the costs as to the sixty pages of the printed case in Appeal relating to the Subpœnas and to the Bailiff's certificates as to the service thereof.

6. That the Prothonotary of the said Superior Court for the District of Saguenay do pay to the said Petitioners the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in his hands on the twenty-eighth day of November last, as security for costs on their Appeal to this Court.

7. That the said *Hector Louis Langevin* do pay to the said Petitioners the costs of the said proceedings in the said Superior Court, except so much of the costs of the evidence and hearing as are incidental to those portions of the case in which the Petitioners have failed, namely :—those relating to the bribery, threats and undue influence charged in the Petition and from which the Respondent remains exonerated. Their Lordships Mr. Justice *Fournier* and Mr. Justice *Henry* dissenting from the deduction of the costs of the Appellants as hereinbefore last mentioned.

Certified.

ROBT. CASSELLS, JR.,
Registrar, Supreme Court of Canada.

And the said Judgment was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Mr. *Speaker* also informed The House, that in conformity with the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 10, 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.

Five Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *Robert M. Mordie* and others; of *John Herriot* and others; of *Hector McFarlane* and others; of *William Murray* and others; of *James May* and others; of *William H. Kent* and others; of *John Williamson* and others; of *J. H. Turner* and others; of *Matthew Gold* and others; of *Nathaniel Steen* and others; of *Francis Tilley* and others; of *John Gillespie* and others; of *John McClellan* and others; of *George Copeland* and others; of *Joseph Hackney* and others; of *George Paulvier* and others; of *James Dunbar* and others; of *William H. White* and others; of *C. L. Hollingshead* and others; of *David Roelosson* and others; of *John Berdan* and others; of *James Bonnar* and others; of *Thomas Frazer* and others; of *Alexander Hume* and others; of *Ira Brisbin* and others; of *Joel Adams* and others; of *Hugh Laidlaw* and others; of *George E. Mowbray* and others; of *D. A. McRae* and others; of *Thomas Houston* and others; of *John Baird* and others; of *D. Patterson* and others; of *George J. Dixon* and others; of *Robert Philp* and others; of *William Mesnier* and others; of *Dougald Frazer* and others; of *William Clark* and others; of *John Dix* and others; of *William Montgomery* and others; of *Richard Penhall* and others; of *Nelson Tibbets* and others; of *John J. Cassidy* and others; of *John Lauder* and others; of *George Jones* and others; of *Henry Belford* and others; of *Philemon Wismer* and others; of *Carlton McCartney* and others; of *John Hoey* and others; of *Thomas Stephenson* and others; of *John Cameron* and others; of *James Fyfe* and others; of *William Coventry* and others; of *John F. Ferguson* and others; of *Charles Clarke* and others; of *Joseph M. Irwin* and others; of *W. Steuitt* and others; of *George Johnson* and others; of *Robert Northey* and others; of *Garrett Terhune* and others; of *Guy Bell* and others; of *Robert Grose* and others; of *Thomas Taylor* and others; of *James Duncan* and others; of *John Kelly* and others; of *John Kitchen* and others; of *Ira E. Grooms* and others; of *John Brander* and others; of *James Brown* and others; of *W. J. Partridge* and others; of *James L. Stark* and others; of *William Ramsey* and others; of *Hugh Nelson* and others; of *S. J. Hall* and others; of *John Bruce* and others; of *Henry Smith* and others; of *John Hooker* and others; of *James Manning* and others; of *John Chapman* and others; of *John Hewitt* and others; of *H. Leet* and others; of *W. G. Curry* and others; of *John McIntyre* and others; of *John A. McCurdy* and others; of

Peter Sinclair and others; of *Francis Brooks* and others; of *J. C. Black* and others; of *George Lethbridge* and others; of *John Tuggerson* and others; of *William Burnett* and others; of *Thomas McKerrall* and others; of *Samuel McAllister* and others; of *John Key* and others; of *T. D. W. Learn* and others; of *Neil A. Malloy* and others; of *David Brand* and others; of *William Scart* and others; of *John Ireland* and others; of *David Hill* and others; of *John Leedlay* and others; of *James Eckerett* and others; of *H. F. Baker* and others; of *David Robb* and others; of *Peter O'Sullivan* and others; of *John Cordingly* and others; of *Robert Aitkin* and others; of *James Wilson* and others; of *John McColman* and others; of *Walter Hyslop* and others; of *John E. Laughton* and others; of *A. M. Drew* and others; of *Hiram P. Barns* and others; of *Robert Mocar* and others; of *William Woodsworth* and others; of *Francis H. Elliott* and others; of *Robert Brock* and others; of *Peter McKenzie* and others; of *Duncan McMillan* and others; of *Thomas Tegge* and others; of *John Robinson* and others; of *William S. Strachan* and others; and of *Abraham Stenson* and others, Agriculturists of Canada; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, may become law.

Of *O. Oslin* and others interested in the navigation of the St. Lawrence; praying for further improvements to facilitate the navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

Of *Ferdinand Macculloch* and others, of the City of Montreal; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Canadian Securities Company (Limited).

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Village of Wallaceburg, was read; praying for the adoption of such measures, as will secure the deepening and making navigable the East passage of the *Chenal Ecarté.*

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,---"That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least three "Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this Petition "not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Huntington* presented, in obedience to The Order of The House on the 3rd April, 1876; a Report for Copies of all correspondence with the Postmaster General or with the Department in reference to charges preferred against the Postmaster of Bloomsburg, in the County of Norfolk; also for the evidence taken by the Inspector, who investigated the charges; together with his report thereon.

Also,---a Return to an Order of The House on the 19th ult.; showing the amounts paid for printing and stationery for the Post Office Department during the year 1875 and 1876 respectively, other than to the Parliamentary Printer and Contractor at Ottawa----said Return to specify the Province in which said work was done---the nature of the work done---the name or names of the person or persons who performed such work, whether by contract or otherwise---and the name or names of the party or parties who received payment and gave receipts therefor.

Also,---a Return to an Order of The House, on the 2nd March, 1876; for copies of all correspondence and documents relating to the dismissal of Mr. *Collet,* as Postmaster of *St. Henry,* in the County of *Lèvis.*

And,---a Return to an Order of The House on the 19th ult.; for copies of the correspondence regarding the Postmaster at *Great Bras d'Or,* and the reason why *McLeod* did not get the office, after he was appointed, and had given sufficient bonds to the Department; also the name of the present Postmaster, and the names of the securities.

Mr. *Burpee* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 15th ult.; a classified Return of imports and exports of live stock, showing place from whence it comes and destination; for each quarter, from March 1st, 1875, to January 1st, 1877, and for the month of January, 1877.

Also,---A Return to an Order of The House on the 22nd ult; for copies of the correspondence with *John Baine, Angus Morrison,* and *Charles L. Campbell,* regarding their dismissals from office as Seizing and Landing Officers at *Great Bras d'Or,* and the reasons for said dismissals, together with any Reports or Letters of the Inspector of Customs, relating the said dismissals; or any other correspondence on this subject.

Also,---Return to an Order of The House on the 2nd March, 1876; of all Gypsum or Plaster of Paris imported from the United States into Canada, giving the Ports or places whence imported, as also the Ports in Canada where entered; the quantity entered in a crude state that entered as ground for purposes of manure; that entered as ground for purposes of manufacture; that entered as calcined plaster; also at what prices entered; the rate of duty upon each class, and the amount of duty collected from the same.

And,---a Return to an Order of The House on the 15th ult; for a Return from the 1st January, 1875, to the 1st January, 1877, shewing the quantities of different grades of sugar imported from Europe, British and Foreign West Indies and the United States; also the value of each such importations, and the duties paid thereon.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:----

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be *be printed, viz:*

Return to Address,---Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the United States, respecting the alleged violation of the Treaty of Washington.

Return to Order,---Copy of the Contract for the Iron Roof of the Station House to be erected at Halifax, together with the Tenders for the same.

Return to Order,---Prospectus issued by the Honorable the Minister of Finance in London for the last loan, &c., &c.

Return to Order,---Convictions for capital offences between the 1st July 1867, and the 31st December 1876,---shewing name of convicts, nature of crime, and action of the Executive.

Return to Address,---Correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government, or any Steamship Company, or private individual, touching the qualifications of Surgeons on British Steamers, etc.

Return to Order,---For the quantity of old rails now on hand and in possession of the Government, shewing whether available for the construction of branch lines.

Return to Order,---Instructions from Department of Inland Revenue to Inspectors in connection with the Weights and Measures Act, with the names and salaries of such Inspectors.

Return to Address,---Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion, and of the late Province of Canada, and the Imperial Government, and other papers, etc., touching the extension of the jurisdiction of the Court of Vice Admiralty to the Inland Waters of Canada.

Correspondence respecting disturbances on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

Ths Committee also recommend that the following documents be *not printed, viz* :---

Return to Order.---Statement of all claims made by individuals or corporations in relation to the construction of the Intercolonial Railway within the limits of the Province of Quebec, &c., &c.

Return to Order,---Papers and correspondence in connection with payments made to *J. F. B. McCready* and others in King's County, for alleged damages sustained from Intercolonial Railway from fire and other causes.

Return to Order,---Tenders received for the erection of the Passenger Station at Halifax, correspondence, &c.

Return to Order,---Shewing the names of the Valuators employed on the Intercolonial Railway, in the Counties of Temiscouata and Rimouski, for the purchase of lands and valuation of damages, &c.

Return to Address,---Correspondence between the Authorities of the City of St. John, N.B. and the Dominion Government, in the matter of the Courtney Bay extension of the Intercolonial Railway to the Ballast wharf, &c.

Return to Address,---Statement of all salaries, fees and indemnity paid by the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal to any member or employé of the said Harbour Commission.

Return to Address (Senate),---Contract entered into between the Government of the Dominion and *McGill* College, concerning an immoveable, situate in the City of Montreal, known as the Crystal Palace, &c., &c.

Return to Address (Senate),---Correspondence, &c., between the Federal and Local Government of the Province of Quebec, respecting distressing condition last Autumn of the resident fishermen on the North Coast, River St. Lawrence.

Return to Address,---Orders in Council, &c., and letters between the Dominion Government and the Government of Manitoba, respecting the relief to be given to settlers, &c.

Return to Address,---Correspondence between the Government of Canada and any persons in New Brunswick, relative to construction of Railways in that Province.

Return of the number of Commissioners for Indian Grants in Nova Scotia, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),---Instructions to the Honorable *Alex. Morris*, Lieutenant Governor of the North West Territories, and all reports and correspondence between the Lieutenant Governor and the Dominion Government.

Return to Order,---Mr. *Langmuir's* report on the Marine Hospital, Quebec.

Return to Address,---Copies of all Accounts and Pay Lists for the construction and repair in 1875 of the wharves at Malbaie, &c.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :---

The Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petition, and find them sufficient, *viz*:---Of the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada; for an Act empowering them to re-enact the provisions of Chapter fifty-two, of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, so far as they are concerned; also to re-enact the provisions of Section 20 of the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48, and also for power to change their name to that of the London Mutual Insurance Company;---and of the Dominion Building Society, for an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Society, to that of the City Mortgage Loan Company, to increase their Capital Stock, and to further amend the Charter of the said Society.

On the Petition of the Royal Canadian Insurance Company; praying that the Rule regarding previous Notice of the introduction of a Bill by them may be suspended; and for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, the Committee find that no Notice was given, and beg to suggest that provision be made in

the Bill that no important amendments affecting the Shareholders shall go into operation without their assent having been first obtained at a general meeting;---they therefore recommend a suspension of the Rule in this case.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 19th ult.; a Return for copies of all correspondence or papers in the possession of the Government relating to the improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of Partridge Island River; also, all papers or correspondence, relating to the repair and protection of the Pier at Partridge Island.

And,---to an Order of The House on the 16th ult.; Returns of all Tenders and Contracts for the construction of a Harbour at Ingonish, Nova Scotia, the names of the parties to whom the contract was awarded; shewing if it was awarded to the lowest tender; the names of the parties to whom the contract was subsequently awarded, and of their securities since the commencement of the work; the date of such Transfers; the amount of the original contract; and if the contract has been completed in accordance with the original plans and specification; if not, the reason why; also if the contract has been taken off the hand of the contractors, and if so, when; also, what portion of the original plans and specifications have not been finished or completed and what further sums are to be paid to the contractors for what work they have performed, and if it is the intention to finish the works in accordance with the original plans and specifications; also the amount paid for superintendence of contract and to whom paid; also copies of correspondence between the Government and the contractor relative to relieving him of the contract in order that he might contest the County of Victoria for the vacant seat.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *to-morrow, viz.* :—

By Mr. *Jetté*—Bill No. 57 to authorize the "Royal Canadian Insurance Company," to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes.----(*Rule* 51 *suspended, in relation to this Bill.*)

By Mr. *Ouimet*--Bill No. 58 to change the name of the Dominion Building Society, to that of the "City Mortgage Loan Company," and to change, amend, and in certain cases, to increase the powers of the said Society.

By Mr. *Kirkpatrick*---Bill No. 59 to amend an Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Insurance Company of Canada, and to change the name to the Union Assurance Company of Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the two following Bills, was discharged, and the Bills withdrawn, *viz*:---

No. 7. To amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

No. 11. To amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, with reference to liabilities between traders and non-traders.

The Bill No. 37 relating to the Protest of Inland Bills, in the Province of Nova Scotia, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Tupper* moved that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return showing all amounts carried over by Orders in Council, at the end of the financial year, under the authority of Chapter 2 of the Act of last Session; with copies of the Orders in Council, and a Statement of the amounts of such lapsed balances remaining unexpended at the end of three months from that date.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved in amendment that the said motion be amended, by adding the following words:---"together with a Statement of all amounts carried forward by Orders in Council, from 1st July, 1867, shewing the sums actually expended in each case, and the Parliamentary authority, sanctioning the same"; which was agreed to.

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to, and the Order issued accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Masson*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion and the Imperial Governments from the month of October, 1873, to the 31st December, 1874, and relating to the appointment of Senators for the Dominion.

Mr. *Blanchet* moved that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a copy of the Reports of Engineers, and other documents relating to the proposed Graving Dock at Quebec.

And a Debate arising thereon,---the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Masson*, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton), it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a copy of Returns from Pilotage Authorities of Cape Breton for the year 1876, showing the names of all Pilots, and the amount paid to each—Also the amount paid to the secretaries of the different Pilotage Authorities from Pilotage funds in such District.

On motion of Mr *Pope* (Queen's P.E.I.), it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the

proper Officer, for a Return showing the total amount of cost of the Steamer "Northern Light;" also an account of any and all expenditure in connection with the said Steamer, up to the 31st January, last.

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton) moved, that the Petition of *Henry Mitchell*, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), *McGregor*, *Flynn*, *Campbell*, *Power*, *Tupper*, *Fraser*, *Workman*, *Macdonald* (Toronto), and *Goudge*, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved in amendment, that all the words after "Petition of *H. Mitchell*, and others," be expunged, and the following words be substituted: "be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), *Laurier*, *McGregor*, *Flynn*, *Fraser*, *Workman*, *Macdonald* (Toronto), *Campbell*, *Power*, *Tupper*, *Appleby*, *Sinclair and Dymond*, to enquire into, and report upon the allegations as to the state of the Coal trade, contained in the said Petition."

And a Debate arising thereon,---the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Wallace* (Norfolk), adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 11.45 P.M

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *McCarthy*---On Monday next---ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Customs and any Custom House Officer, respecting any application for permission to be a candidate for any corporate office, between the dates following, that is to say, the 1st of July, 1875, and the first of January, 1877.

Mr. *White* (Renfrew)---On Monday next---ORDER OF HOUSE for Return shewing:

1st. The names of the Slide Masters in the employ of the Department of Public Works at each of the Slide Stations on the Ottawa River and its tributaries on the 1st day of July, 1876;

2nd. The salary or remuneration paid to each of the said Slide Masters for the year ending 1st July, 1876;

3rd. The number of pieces of Timber and Saw Logs, respectively, passed through each of the said Slide Stations for the year ending 1st July, 1876.

Mr. *Burpee* (Sunbury)---On Monday next---ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all Reports made by the Engineer or Engineers in charge of Public Works on the improvement of the navigation of the St. John River, New Brunswick, since June, 1871, as well as the amount of dredging done since that date on the Oromocto Shoals (so called) and the state of the navigation at that point at present.

Mr. *Cartwright*---On Monday next---BILL to consolidate and amend the Act for the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. *Costigan*---On Monday next---ORDER OF HOUSE for Returns of copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Tobique Indians or any person on their behalf relating to the appointment of a resident Agent at that place.

Mr. *Cimon*---On Monday next---ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all Petitions and correspondence respecting the grant by the Dominion Government of a sum of money to assist in the construction of the Railway from Quebec to Lake St. John.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---That an ORDER OF THE HOUSE do issue, that all the papers connected with enquiries sent to the Admiralty in England and the Answers thereto respecting the Harbors on the Main land of British Columbia be laid before this House.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Monday next---That an ORDER OF THE HOUSE do issue for a copy of every tender received since November last by the Postal Department for carrying the Mails in British Columbia, with the names of the tenderers and their securities; also a copy of all telegrams and letters received or sent by the Postal Department respecting the same.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Monday next---That a COMMITTEE OF TWELVE be appointed to enquire into the progress made with the Surveys of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with power to send for persons and papers and to report rom time to time.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---That an ORDER OF THE HOUSE do issue that all Correspondence by telegraph or otherwise respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimault since July 1874 be laid before this House.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying that a copy of all of the correspondence between Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Dominion Government since 1871, respecting Imperial Financial assistance in aid of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway be laid before the House.

Mr. *DeCosmos*---On Wednesday next---ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying that a copy of all despatches sent since 1876, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and especially a copy of all the despatches on which Lord Carnarvon's despatch of December 18th, 1876, is founded, be laid before the House.

Mr. *Burk*---On Wednesday next---ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return shewing the title held by the Government to the land and other property connected with the Fish-breeding establishment at Newcastle, Ontario also the actual amount expended on buildings or other permanent improvements on said lands.

No. 15.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1877.

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OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Huntington* presented, Return to Address of the 19th ult; for a copy of the advertisement or notice issued calling for tenders for the perf›rmance of the Mail Service for the Season of 1876, on Lakes Huron and Superior between the ports on Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay and Prince Arthur's Landing, Duluth, &c.---the tender or tenders received in response,---any correspondence in relation thereto---the Order or Orders in Council (if any) passed as to the matter,---and the contract entered into for such service.

Two Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :---

Of *D. J. Kennelly* and others; and of *J. R. Noonan* and others, interested in the Coal trade and Shipping interests of the Dominion; severally praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all Coal imported into the Dominion.

Of *Frank Somers* and others; of *Isaac French* and others; of *John Livingston* and others; of *William Bristow* and others; of *John Ross* and others; of *John Taylor* and others; of *Socrates Curtis* and others; of *Isaac Moore* and others; of *Samuel Lane* and others; of *Allen Nelson* and others; of *E. H. Hilborn* and others; and of *S. F. Wrigley* and others, Agriculturists of Canada; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament to Incorporate the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, may become law.

Of *Charles Boudrot*, M.P.P., and others; and of *George M. Jean* and others, of Petite de Grat, County of Richmond, Province of Nova Scotia; severally praying that the St. Peter's Canal may be so enlarged as to admit the average class of ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Of the Montreal Board of Trade; praying that the existing Insolvency Laws may not be repealed, and that only such amendment thereof may be adopted as shall have received the careful consideration of the House.

Of *Jonathan Smith* and others, of the County of Queens, Province of Nova Scotia; praying that Fish traps may not be erected within the Harbour of Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Of *C. R. Horne* and others, of the County of Essex, Province of Ontario; praying that steps may be taken to remedy the evil resulting from the difference of duty imposed on lime and building stone in Canada and the United States.

The Petition of the Reverend *Peter Clark*, and others, of Cape North and Bay St. Lawrence, Victoria County, Province of Nova Scotia, was read; praying for an appropriation of money, sufficient to open and improve the Harbor of Cape North (on Aspy Bay.)

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the granting the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure "of public money, it cannot be received."

The Petition of the Reverend *Charles Bowman*, D. D., and others, interested in the Coal trade and Shipping interests of the Dominion, was read; praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian Coal, may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all Coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all Coal, imported into the Dominion.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least three "Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this Petition "not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Holton*, from the *Select Standing Committee* on *Banking and Commerce*, presented the First Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, *with amendments, viz.* :—

No. 13. To incorporate "The Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association."

No. 17. To extend the provisions of Section 56 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America.

The latter Bill (No. 17), the Committee consider a mere amendment to the General Act relating to Banks and Banking, and would therefore recommend that the fees on the said Bill, *be refunded.*

On motion of Mr. *Blanchet*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for a copy of the Petition of *J. B. Brousseau*, Esq., of the Town of Sorel, dated the 24th February, 1876, in relation to *Mr. Justice Loranger.*

On motion of Mr. *Blanchet*, Mr. *Roy* was added to the *Select Standing Committee* on *Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines*,—and Mr. *Thompson* (Cariboo), to that on *Public Accounts.*

Mr. *Mills* moved, that The House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, etc.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, rose in his place and informed The House, that His Excellency the Governor General having been informed of the subject matter of these Resolutions, recommends them to The House.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, to consider the said Resolutions.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1st. *Resolved*—That it is expedient to provide that the salaries or remuneration of the Director of the Geological Survey and his Assistants be determined by the Governor in Council, subject to the approval of Parliament.

2nd. *Resolved*—That it is expedient to provide that the Director and persons appointed to permanent positions in the Geological Survey Branch of the Department of the Interior, shall be considered as being within the provisions of the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter Four, to provide for the superannuation of persons employed in the Civil Service in certain cases.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill No. 18 to make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday next, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved—That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to make arrangements for carrying out the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway in pursuance of negotiations entered into with the Government of Nova Scotia, and the Halifax and Cape Breton Railway and Coal Company under the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th May, 1874; and for that purpose to provide—

1. That the said Branch Railway with sufficient land for the purposes thereof and the Stations and buildings thereon, but without rolling stock, may be transferred absolutely to the person or Company constructing a line of Railway from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, and providing sufficient rolling stock and appurtenances for the same, and a proper Steam Ferry across the said Strait, the whole to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works.

2. That temporary possession of the said Branch Railway may be given to the person or Company with whom the Nova Scotia Government shall have contracted for the construction of the said extension to the said Strait, and the establishment of the said Steam Ferry, as soon as such person or Company shall have expended not less than $400,000 on the work to the satisfaction of the said Minister of Public Works; subject to immediate resumption of the said Branch Railway by the Government of Canada and repayment of the net earnings thereof, in case of failure to fulfil the conditions aforesaid, by such person or Company, who shall give proper security for the fulfilment thereof and for the payment of all damages resulting from such failure, to the satisfaction of the Minister; such failure also operating the avoidance of any arrangement for the absolute transfer of the said Branch Railway.

Mr. *Blake* introduced a Bill No. 60 to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act in amendment thereof; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *on Monday next.*

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz :*—

No. 23. To extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island, certain Criminal Laws, now in force in other Provinces of the Dominion.

No. 24. To amend the Act respecting Larceny, and other similar offences (*with one amendment*).

No. 27. To amend the Act respecting offences against the person.

The Bill No. 50 to amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 4, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, *on Monday next.*

The Bill No. 18 to make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended. Report to be received, *on Monday next.*

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Ways and Means, *on Tuesday, the 20th ult.*, were reported, and are as follows:—

1. *Resolved*,—That in lieu and stead of the duties of Excise imposed on the articles herein mentioned by the Act respecting the Inland Revenue (31 *Vic.*, cap. 8) it is expedient that the following duties of Excise be imposed and collected :—

1. On every pound of Malt, two cents.

2. On every gallon of any fermented beverage made in imitation of beer or malt liquor and brewed in whole or in part from any other substance than malt, eight cents.

3. Provided that Brewers using sugar in the manufacture of beer and paying the above mentioned duty on the beer made therewith, may receive a drawback equal to the duty paid by them on the malt used with such sugar in making such beer.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act 31 *Vic.*, cap. 44, and other Acts amending the same and the Tariff of Duties of Customs contained in the Schedules annexed to the said Acts.

3. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to repeal so much of Schedule A, of the said Act, 31 *Vic.*, c. 44, as imposes any Specific Duty of Customs on any of the goods or articles hereafter mentioned, and to substitute therefor the following Duties of Customs, viz. :—

On Cigars, including Cigarettes.....50 cents per lb., and 20 per centum *ad valorem.*
On Tea—Green or Japan.....per lb. 6 cents
On Tea—Black..... " 5 cents
On Cologne Water and Perfumed Spirits when in flasks or bottles not weighing more than 4 oz.....25 per centum *ad valorem*
On Malt.....per lb. 2½ cents
On Oils, viz. :—Coal and Kerosene, distilled, purified and refined, Naphtha, Benzole and refined Petroleum, Products of Petroleum, Coal, Shale and Lignite, not otherwise specified, and Crude Petroleum, per wine gallon.....6 cents

4. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient that so much of Schedule B of the Act 31 *Vic.*, cap. 44, or any Act amending it, as imposes any Duties of Customs upon Ale, Beer and Porter be repealed, and that the following specific duties be imposed and collected thereon, viz. :—

On Ale, Beer and Porter, when imported in bottle (6 quart or 12 pint bottles to be held to contain an Imperial Gallon) per Imperial gallon.....18 cents
On Ale, Beer and Porter, when imported otherwise than in bottle, per Imperial gallon.....12 cents

5. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient that so much of the Act 37 *Victoria*, c. 6, or any Act amending it as imposes a duty of ten per centum upon the following goods, viz:—

Cotton Thread in hanks colored and unfinished Nos. 3 and 4 ply—White—Not under No. 20 yarn,
Cotton Warp, not coarser than No. 40,
Cotton Thread on spools,
Machine Twist and Silk Twist,
Linen Machine Thread,

be repealed and the said goods be held to be and dealt with as non-enumerated articles, subject to a duty of customs of 17½ *per centum ad valorem.*

6. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient, that so much of Schedule C. of the said Act 31 *Victoria*, c. 44, or any act amending it or any Order in Council as admits the following goods for entry free of duty, viz:—

Tubes and Piping, of brass, copper or iron drawn.

Cotton Thread in hanks colored and unfinished No. 6 ply—White, not under No. 20 yarn. be repealed; and that the following duties of customs be imposed and collected on the same, viz:—

On Tubes and Piping of brass copper or iron drawn.....17½ per centum *ad valorem.*

On Cotton Thread, in hanks, colored and unfinished, No. 6 ply—White—not under No. 20 yarn.....10 per centum *ad valorem.*

7. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient that so much of the Act 37 *Vic.*, cap. 6, as imposes a specific duty of Customs on wines be amended by adding thereto the following provision—In computing the worth of all wine there shall be included the cost of bottling, corking, wiring, labelling, and of the materials used therein, and all other expenses incurred prior to actual shipment—except the cost of bottles and packages which shall remain subject to the duty of 17½ per centum *ad valorem*, provided by the next following Resolution.

8. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient that so much of any Act or Schedule as aforesaid, as imposes any duty of Customs or non-enumerated goods and packages be repealed and the following provisions substituted therefor, that is to say:—

The value of all Bottles, Flasks, Jars, Dimijohns, Carboys, Casks, Hogsheads, Pipes, Barrels, and all other vessels or packages manufactured of Tin, Iron, Lead, Zinc, Glass or any other material, and capable of holding liquids, Crates containing Glass, China, Crockery or Earthenware, and all packages in which goods are commonly placed for Home Consumption, including cases in which bottled Spirits, Wines or Malt Liquors are contained, and every package, being the first receptacle or covering enclosing goods for purposes of sale, shall in all cases in which they contain goods subject to an *ad valorem* duty be taken and held to be apart of the fair market value of such goods for duty, and when they contain goods subject to specific duty only such packages shall be charged with a duty of Customs of 17½ per cent *ad valorem* to be computed upon their original cost or value, and all goods not enumerated in this said Act or any other Act as charged with any duty of Customs and not declared free of duty by some unrepealed Act or provision; shall be charged with a duty of Customs of seventeen and one half per cent *ad valorem*, when imported into Canada or taken out of Warehouse for consumption therein; but all packages not herein before specified, and not specially charged with duty by any unrepealed Act, and being the usual and ordinary packages in which goods are packed for exportation, according to the general usage and custom of trade, shall be free of duty.

9. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to repeal the Act of 31st *Vic.*, cap 50, intituled "An Act to impose certain duties on Spirits and Petroleum."

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Resolution 1., be now read a second time.

Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further, that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff, as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion.

And a Debate arising,—at 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House until half-past 7 o'clock.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred to Committees, as follows:—

To the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills:—

No. 42. To authorize the Town of *Kincardine*, in the County of *Bruce*, to impose and collect certain tolls at the Harbor in the said Town.

No. 44. To amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Maskinongé*.—

To the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines:—

No. 43. To authorize the Union Forwarding and Railway Company, to reduce its paid-up Capital.

No. 45. To incorporate the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company.

No. 46. To incorporate the Union Cable Company.

No. 48. To grant additional powers to the Albert Railway Company.

To the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce:—

No. 51. To extend the powers of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage Company.

No. 52. Further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

No. 57. To authorize "The Royal Canadian Insurance Company," to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes.

No. 59. To amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accidental Assurance Company of Canada, and to change the name to the "Union Assurance Company of Canada."

The House resumed the Debate on Sir *John A. Macdonald's* amendment to the second reading of Resolution 1, reported from the Committee of Ways and Means.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

SATURDAY, 3rd March, 1877.

And the Debate still continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Charlton*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 12:15 A.M., until *Monday next*.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—BILL intituled "An Act for amending the Law relating to the protection of life and property, and for other purposes.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Act 39 *Victoria*, chapter 26, intituled an Act to make further provision in regard to the Supreme Court and the Exchequer Court of Canada."

Mr. *Casey*—On Monday next—SELECT COMMITTEE to enquire into the present condition of the Civil Service and the method of nominating and examining candidates for appointments, with a view to ascertaining whether better means cannot he adopted for securing the appointment of properly qualified persons and the general efficiency of the Service; with power to send for persons papers, and records.

Said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Archibald, Aylmer, Charlton, Colby, De St. Georges, Kirkpatrick, Killam, MacDougall* (Elgin), *McDougall* (Renfrew), *Roscoe*, and the mover, of whom five shall be a quorum, and that said Committee have power to report to the House its observations on the subject referred to it, together with minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for plans of Contract for building Ingonish Harbor (being part of Contract); also report of Engineer agreeing to curtailment of said original plans and specification, and the correspondence on that subject, how much has been paid for the Contract, and how much for Extras, and how much is claimed for Extras. How many feet does the finished work extend seaward that the original Contract and plans contemplated. How much has been paid to Superintendent *McLeod* for superintending said work.

Mr. *Fiset*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, on the subject of the arrangements effected with the latter permitting the carriages of the Intercolonial Railway Company to run over that section of their Railway between Rivière-du-Loup and Point Levis.

Mr. *Forbes*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government intend erecting a Fog Whistle, at Coffin's Island, at the entrance of Liverpool Bay, Nova Scotia, during the coming summer? or when?

Mr. *Costigan*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return of Copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government regarding the dismissal of the Post Master of Upper St. Francis in the County of Madawaska, in the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. *Laurier*—On Monday next—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before The House, copies of all Orders in Council, and of all correspondence which has taken place, since last Session, between the Federal and the Quebec Governments, concerning the Judicial Staff of the District of Montreal.

Mr. *Fréchette*—On Monday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to amend the Act of the former Province of Canada, 23 V. c. 123, incorporating the Pilots for and below Quebec and the Pilotage Act of Canada 36 V. c. 54, and to provide,—

1st. That any Pilot compelled to retire by age or infirmity, and the Widow or Child of a deceased Pilot, shall be entitled to a pension or aid proportioned to the number of years during which the Pilot acted as such, and to amend 36 V. c. 54. s. 39 accordingly; and

2nd. That the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall not pay anything to each of the Directors, or to the Masters of the Schooners of the Corporation, but that the said Directors and Masters shall receive sums equal to those received by other Pilots; and to amend 36 V., c. 54, s. 87 and 23 V., c. 123, accordingly;—and

3rd. That the number of Directors be reduced to four, that the Secretary of the Corporation shall keep a book of receipt and expenditure to check the Books kept by the Treasurer, and the Treasurer shall make month's returns of the number and names of the Pilots employed and the amounts received during the month, and to amend 23 V., c. 123 accordingly.

PRIVATE BILLS NOTICE.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration by the respective Committees *on or after iday the 9th instant :*----

To the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines :----

No. 43. The authorize the Union Forwarding and Railway Company to reduce its paid-up capital.

No. 45. To incorporate the St. Lawrence Railway and Pacific Railway Ferry Company.

No. 46. To incorporate the Union Cable Company.

No. 48. To grant additional powers to the Albert Railway Company.

To the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce :----

No. 51. To extend the powers of the Montreal Loan and Mortgage company.

No. 52. Further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

No. 57. To authorize the Royal Canadian Insurance Company, to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes.

No. 59. To amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of Canada and to change the name to the " Union Assurance Company of Canada."

For the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills :—

No. 42. To authorize the Town of Kincardine, in the County of Bruce, to impose and collect certain tolls at the Harbour in the said Towu.

No. 44. To amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Maskinongé*.

No. 16.

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Lists of Shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank, on the 1st ult:—of the Imperial Bank of Canada, on the 15th ult:—of the Merchants Bank of Halifax, on the 24th ult:—and of *La Banque Nationale*, on the 17th April, 1876, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Also,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of *Iberville* and *Saguenay* for the year, 1876.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 12th ult; a Return of all money expended in building a Marine Hospital at Sydney, Cape Breton; the amount of the different tenders for the construction of the said building, with the names of the parties tendering; also, the names of all persons to whom the Government paid directly for work performed on this building, or improvements connected with it; also, the amount paid for superintending the work, and to whom paid; also, the total amount of expenditure to December 31st, 1876; also, correspondence, if any, which led to the transfer of the contract for this building *from the gentleman to whom it was awarded in the first instance*, to another gentleman.

Also,—to the Order of The House on the 15th ult; a Statement giving copies of any arrangement made between the Government Railways and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for the interchange of cars and transportation of passengers and freight.

Also,—to the Order of The House on the 21st ult; Returns in detail of all expenses incurred and moneys expended in the payment of Engineers, Surveyors, and others, for services rendered, as well as for horse hire, etc., in connection with the surveys of the North Branch of the River Sydenham from the forks at Wallaceburgh to the Village of Wilkesport, in the year 1876.

And also,—to the Order of The House on the 7th April, 1876; Copies of the correspondence between the Government or the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners, and the interested parties of the Parish of Bic, with reference to the change of site of the Railway Station at the said place;—also for the correspondence between the interested parties of the Parish of St. Octave de Métis, and neighboring Parishes, and the Government asking that the Station at St. Octave, be placed in a more convenient situation.

Fifteen Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of Messrs. *Vooght* Brothers, Merchants, and others, of North Sydney, County of Cape Breton; praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Of *Sylvester Neelin* and others, of St. Catharines and vicinity; of *James R. Hahn* and others, of Port Colborne and vicinity; and of *C. F. Gildersleeve* and others, of Kingston; severally praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the enlargement of the Welland Canal completed and in readiness for the fall trade of 1878, and on such a scale as will permit of the passage from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario of the largest class of vessels.

Of *Stephen Smith* and others, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, and vicinity; setting forth the advantages of Fish traps in the harbour of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, and praying that they may not be removed.

Of *Daniel Wilson* and others, Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home, of Toronto; praying for certain Amendments in the Criminal Law with reference to juvenile offenders.

Of the Reverend *Luc Rouleau*, Curé of Matane, and others; praying that a survey may be made during the coming summer of the Port or Harbour of Matane, with a view to ascertain what improvements may be made therein, in the interests of trade and navigation.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Return to Address of the 2nd inst.; a copy of the Petition of *J. B. Brousseau*, Esq., of the Town of Sorel, dated the 24th February, 1876, in relation to *Mr. Justice Loranger*.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Seventh Report of said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Petition of *Ferdinand Macculloch*, and others, of the City of Montreal; for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Canadian Securities Company (Limited), and find the Notices sufficient.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Third and Fourth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, *were concurred in.*

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz:*

By Mr. *Casgrain*—Bill No. 61 to incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited)."

By Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto)—Bill No. 62 respecting the Northern Railway of Canada.

By Mr. *Cook*—Bill No. 63 to authorize Municipalities to pass by-laws to provide means of escape for persons falling into the water in the vicinity of Wharves and Docks.

By Mr. *Blake*—Bill No. 64 to amend the Acts relating to the Supreme and Exchequer Courts.

The two following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow, viz:*—

No. 13. To incorporate "The Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association."

No. 17. To extend the provisions of Section 56, of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America.

On motion of Mr. *Delorme* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return shewing the names of all veterans who have proved their right to partake in the grant of $50,000 voted last session by Parliament in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and '15, and the action taken in each case during the current financial year.

On motion of Mr. *Schultz* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for Returns of lands surrendered by the Dominion Government, to the Government of Manitoba, for road purposes.

Mr. *Masson* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all correspondence relating to the seizure in December last of certain distilling apparatus the property of *Francois Meloche* and *Ferdinand Lavoie* of Ste. Anne, County Jacques Cartier, including all instructions to and reports from the Revenue Officers relating to same.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Charlton*, the following items of expenditure of Secret Service funds, viz.: the item of $15,086.41 for the year 1868, the item of $33,103.88 for the year 1869, the item of $10,208.54 for the year 1870, and the item of $75,000 for the year 1871, were referred to the Select Standing Committee, on *Public Accounts*.

On motion of Mr. *Mitchell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for Copies of all Orders in Council, Rules and Regulations made in relation to the Smelt Fisheries in the Harbor of Bathurst; together with all Correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the Inspector of Fisheries and other officers of the Department; also with all persons interested in said Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. *Desjardins* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of the House do issue to the proper Officer, for Copies of all Petitions respecting the establishment of a Post Office at Notre Dame de Grâce near Montreal, and of another at Ste. Cunégonde part of the territory of the town of St. Henri, in the County of Hochelaga, recently erected into a separate Municipality; also of all correspondence between the parties interested and the Department at Ottawa, including the Reports of the Post Office Inspector at Montreal in relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Young* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for any Returns which may be in possession of the Government relating to the number of failures, the assets and liabilities of Insolvent Estates, and more particularly of the number and character of the compromises which have taken place throughout Canada during the last twelve months.

On motion of Mr. *Mitchell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return of the resident employés on the Intercolonial Railway within the County of Northumberland —the date of their appointment---when they were located or stationed in their present positions—the nationalities of the several individuals, and the number of them which were at the time of their appointment residents of the said County with the rate of wages which they respectively receive.

On motion of Mr. *McCarthy* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for the names of persons appointed to office between the 1st of January and the 7th of November 1873, the names of the officials whose salaries were increased during the same period; the names of those so appointed whose appointments were cancelled subsequent to the 7th of November. A statement shewing whether the positions which were filled up by those whose appointments were cancelled have remained unfilled or have been since filled up---and if so when and by whom—and whether the salaries of those officials which were increased during the period named have been since reduced or increased, and shewing the reduction or increase in each office respectively,

Mr. *Costigan* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency, for a Return of copies of all correspondence and Orders in Council, regarding the Orange Incorporation Act of New Brunswick, passed in the Legislature of that Province, in 1875.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Appleby* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return shewing the number of Post Office and Custom House buildings owned by the Dominion, designating those built since 1867; the names of the Cities and Towns where the same are situate, with the population of each at the last census, and the amount of Customs, Post Office and Inland Revenue respectively, collected at each place during the years 1875 and 1876.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a Return giving the names of all the Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors on the Staff of the Volunteer Militia Force of Canada on the 1st day of January 1876; the District in which they were stationed; the date of their appointments respectively; the length of time they had each served; the names of those who have been removed from the Staff; the date of such removal; and the names of those officers who have been appointed Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors since the first of January 1876; and the length of time they have served in the Volunteer Force of Canada before such appointments were made.

On motion of Mr. *Blanchet*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all the correspondence having reference to the change of Mail Conductors on the Kennebec Railway, since the first of January 1875; —and also the names of those parties from whom contracts were taken away since that date, before the term for which they held such contract, had expired;—and also the names of those parties who took their places.

On motion of Mr. *Flynn* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for copies of Reports and plan of "*Arichat West Breakwater*," in the County of Richmond, Nova Scotia.

Mr. *Robinson* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency, for a Return of instructions given to the Commission, to investigate the affairs of the Northern Railway.

Mr. *Young* moved in amendment, that all the words after "that" in the said motion be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"the allegations in the Report and evidence of the Commission on the Northern Railway Company, as to the application of moneys payable to the Government, deserve the serious consideration of this House, and that a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed to inquire into, and report upon the said allegations, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time."

And a Debate arising thereon,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

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Sir *John A. Macdonald* then moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the following words be added after the word "allegations"; and also to make a searching enquiry into the accounts of the Northern Railway and Northern Extension Railway, so as to complete the enquiry begun and left unfinished by the Commission.

And the question being put; it was agreed to.

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 1.35, A., M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to repeal certain laws making breaches of contract of service criminal and to provide for the punishment of certain breaches of contract."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to make provision for the extradition of Fugitive Criminals."

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to expend during the current year a sum of money for the improvement of the Navigation of the South-west branch of the Miramichi River?

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement showing the sums of money paid *C. J. Brydges* for the year ending 30th June, 1876, showing salary whilst Intercolonial Railway was under construction,—and salary for management, also expenses of his office at Montreal, Ottawa and Moncton and amount of his travelling expenses for the same period.

Mr. *Gibbs* (South Ontario)—Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all correspondence relating to the superannuation of *Wm. Warren*, Esq., late Collector of Customs for the Port of Whitby, Ontario; also copies of Petitions, Inspectors' reports, and Minute of Treasury Board, shewing date of such superannuation.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Statement shewing the expenditure incurred by the Post Office Department for carrying the Mails below Quebec, during the whole time when the Grand Trunk was stopped by snow, during the winter of 1876, with the names of the persons employed carrying the said mails, the distance travelled, the number of trips made, and the amount received by each of them.

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a copy of Order in Council of 17th December, 1876, relating to the superintendence and auditing of advertising accounts, also a statement showing how much advertising was not brought under superintendence and audit contemplated by Order in Council, by whom such advertising was ordered, and by whom done from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for all communications received by the Post Master General or any other Department of the Government from the St. John Board of Trade on the subject of the sale of Postage Stamps in the Post Office in St. John.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Copies of the Commission or other document appointing *John Mowat* a Fishery Officer in the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, and also all regulations or instructions defining his powers or the limits of his jurisdiction, and all instructions if any to him to seize Boats fishing beyond three miles from the sea shore.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Copy of the Commission or other documents appointing *John Dean* Post Office Inspector, and also of all orders defining his duties and functions and within what limits he was to exercise his said office; also Copies of all instructions (if any) that he received from the Post Master General to make any enquiry into the conduct of *David H. Waterley*, a Clerk in the Post office at Saint John, or to dismiss the said *Waterley* from his said office.

Mr. *Cook*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all papers, Orders and Correspondence with the Minister of Public Works, and the Engineer staff of the said Department in connection with the engagement of employees for the Pacific Railroad survey and the routes (if any) they were instructed to take; also correspondence and Orders from the same source to their agents in reference to the carrying of emigrants, Government employees and freight coming under the direct control of the Government by the Sarnia or Collingwood route since 1874.

Mr. *Bunster*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Mines in British Columbia, and for the prevention of Accidents therein."

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Wednesday next—That Government business shall have precedence on Thursdays during the remainder of the Session.

Mr. *Davis*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns of the number of persons who have obtained Licences or permission from the Department of Marine and Fisheries to erect Deep Sea Wiers or Traps for the purpose of capturing Fish at the Head-lands or Capes of the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. *Cimon*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the quantity, quality and dimension of timber supplied by Mr. *Adolphe Gagnon* for each of the piers at Baie St. Paul, Malbaie and Eboulements, in the County of Charlevoix, and also the price per foot paid for such timber during the fiscal year 1875-6.

Mr. *Caron*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing; 1st, the instructions given and to whom given for the division of the Ordnance property at Quebec, known as the Cove Field; 2nd, the cost of dividing, also for advertising, and of selling the same; 3rd, the names of the parties receiving such sums of money, the amount received by each of them, and the reason of such appointment; 4th, the amount of such sale, the names of the purchasers, the amount paid by each on each lot, and the balance remaining unpaid.

Mr. *Caron*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing: 1st, the names and salaries or wages of each officer or employé composing the Government staff of the Lachine Canal, for each of the years 1875-6 and 1876-7; 2nd, the amount of contingencies in connection with said staff for each of these years; 3rd, the dates of appointment of each such officer or employé.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to repeal the Act 36 *Victoria*, Chap. 47, entitled an Act respecting Weights and Measures."

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns shewing by whom the Pork Stuffs supplied to the Mounted Police Force in the North-West Territory and Manitoba were furnished; the quantity and description of such stuffs supplied; the prices asked as well as the prices paid therefor; the point from where they were shipped and the cost of conveyance per 100 lbs to the point of their final destination; also all correspondence shewing whether such stuffs were called for and supplied by tender publicly advertised; together with copies of any notices for tenders as well as all tenders received since the establishing and locality of said Mounted Police Force in the North-West Territory and Manitoba.

Mr. *Trow*—On Wednesday next—BILL to declare Life Assurance Policies non-forfeitable.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government intend to place an item in the Estimates with a view to have Canada properly represented at the Grand International Exhibition to be held in the City of Paris in 1878?

Mr. *Robitaille*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to grant aid of some kind to help the building of the Bay des Chaleurs Railway, as a feeder of the Intercolonial Railway?

Mr. *Domville*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Return of all correspondence, telegrams, and orders in connection with the dismissal of *William Colwell*, Locker in the Custom House Department, St. John, New Brunswick; also, all papers, telegrams, and correspondence, in connection with the investigation carried on by Inspector *Cudlip*, together with his report thereon,—date of dismissal,—copy of medical report as to his health after examination,—a statement of all other official appointments which were offered him,—copy of letter addressed by Commissioner *Johnson*, at Ottawa, to the Department of the Minister of Justice recommending him for an appointment,—together with a statement of the fund from which the sum of one hundred dollars was paid him,—of the grounds for such payment and the account to which such payment was charged in the Public Accounts.

Mr. *Roscoe*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all letters from Government Officials in British Columbia to the Government in respect to the escape of the prisoner *Martin* on alleged United States territory; also, of a demand made upon Mr. *Buck* to pay duties to the United States Custom House Officer.

Mr. *Roy*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the Supplementary Estimates a sum of money to repair the roadway and rebuild the bridges over the Rivers Verte and Cabaneau on the Temiscouata Road; this road being an Interprovincial one?

Mr. *Roy*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all the instructions given to Mr. *Kingsford*, of the Department of Public Works, and of all reports and correspondence in relation to repairs and other work done on the Breakwaters at L'Islet, Rivière Ouelle, Rivière du Loup and Rimouski, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, Province of Quebec; also a statement shewing the amounts expended for such work or repairs on each of the said Breakwaters.

Mr. *McKay* (Colchester)—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Post Office Inspector at Halifax and other Post Office officials, with reference to the loss of a Mail-bag between Truro and Halifax, on or about the 14th December last, and which contained two or more registered letters containing sums of money, with all correspondence with reference to the loss of said money.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 13th ult; Return for a Copy of Mr. *Kingsford's* Report on the Piers at *Baie St. Paul*, *Eboulements* and *Malbaie*, in the summer of 1876.

Seven Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

On motion of Mr. *Burpee*, The House Resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *on Thursday next*, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting the Customs, 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 6, so as to make better provisions for the reporting of vessels inwards and outwards.

The reporting of Railway Trains at frontier ports, &c., inwards and outwards.

To make better provision for the securing of correct statements of Exports by land and water.

To provide greater security to the Revenue in connection with the warehouses and warehousing business of Canada; and to consolidate the Act so amended, and the amendments made to it by any other Acts; such amendments not affecting the Tariff of duties.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *on Thursday next*, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 47, respecting Weights and Measures.

The Bill No. 50 to amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 4, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole, on Friday last, the 2nd inst., to the Bill No. 18 to make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith, were reported and agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow, viz:—*

No. 55. To make provision for improvements in Prison discipline.

No. 56. For the prevention of gambling practices, in certain public conveyances.

No. 40. Respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario, and to amend the Penitentiary Act of 1875.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion for the second reading of Resolution 1, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,—and the motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* in amendment thereto, and which motion was:—"That the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further, that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff, as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion."

Mr. *Wood* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*Resolved*" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That inasmuch, as it has been deemed necessary to raise an additional Revenue, it is the opinion of this House that the interests of the Country would be better served by imposing additional duties upon such goods and wares, as may be produced in Canada; thereby affording increased protection, while securing the additional Revenue required.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Blain*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copy of the Order in Council of the 17th December, 1875, respecting Government advertising, and audit of advertising accounts, showing the amount of such advertising by each department, since said above mentioned date, and by whom audited, the names of the persons or parties who performed the work and whether it was audited as contemplated by said Order in Council. Also, the amount in detail of departmental printing of each department respectively, the names of the persons or parties who made such printing, with the names of the parties who have such printing not yet finished, with the conditions entered into, and the amount in value of the work yet to be done.

Mr. *Blake*—On Thursday next—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on Bill No. 3, the following additional clause :—

The 101st section of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Act," in the second line, the words, "whether before or after the 1st day of July 1867."

Mr. *Blake*—On Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to provide that the Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario shall receive no fees, but shall receive a salary of dollars, per annum, and *pro rata* for any shorter time than a year, which salary shall be paid out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, in like manner as the salaries of other Judges.

2. That it is expedient to provide temporarily that any Surrogate Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario may, if resident elsewhere than Toronto, receive emoluments out of funds provided by suitor's fees, payable under a tariff to be from time to time fixed and altered by the Governor in Council; and that the fees payable by suitors under the tariff shall be paid over, by the officer appointed to collect them, to the Receiver-General, and shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and thereout shall be paid the emoluments of the Surrogate Judge.

Mr. *Cameron*—On Thursday next—That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate requesting that Honorable Body to transmit for the information of this House a Copy of the Report made by a Select Committee of that Honorable House during the Session of 1875, on the subject of the construction of booms, piers and other works on the Gatineau.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of a certain Report made against the Postmaster of Montmagny, *Jean Stanislas Vallée*, Esquire, in connection with a pretended enquiry held by *Achille Talbot*, Esquire, Deputy Inspector of Post Offices for the District of Quebec, and of all papers, documents and correspondence thereunto relating.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all communications from the first Council of the North-West Territories in regard to the preservation of the Buffalo; all communication on the same subject from Indian Commissioners or other Dominion Government officials and all Orders in Council or Acts passed by the present Government of the North-West Territo ies having this object in view.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Thursday next—That an Order of The House do issue for copies of all the correspondence between the President and Cashier of the Bank of Ontario and the Hon. the Finance Minister, or the Finance Department, respecting the Government Deposits in the Ontario Bank since 1st November, 1873, to the present time.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the arrangement mentioned by the Hon. *D. Laird*, in reply to a complaint by the "Aborigines Protecti on Society," on the subject of the "alleged infringement of the land rights of certain Protestant Indians by the Seminary of Montreal," by which it was agreed to pay out of the Indian funds the cost of certain litigation in respect of said rights is still in force in respect of the litigation now proceeding in the Courts between said Indians and said Seminary of Montreal?

No. 18.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, laid before The House,—Agreement between the Water Commissioners of the City of Ottawa, and Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, represented by the Minister of Public Works of Canada; to supply water to the Parliament and Departmental Buildings, Workshops, etc., and Post Office, etc., Ottawa, and Rideau Hall.

He also presented,—Return to Address of the 21st ult; for Copies of all Orders in Council, having reference to the Goderich Harbor Works in 1874; together with a Copy of the notice or advertisement, calling for tenders for such work; the tenders received in response, and all correspondence and Reports in relation thereto, with the contract entered into for the performance of such work.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *David Ewing* and others; of *Lafayette Weller* and others; of *Salem H. Van Every* and others; of *Samuel Buell* and others; of *Samuel D. Barnes* and others; of *Joshua Smithson* and others; of *D. J. Skinner* and others; of *Henry Palmer* and others; of *George Midgley* and others; of *John Shaw* and others; and of *S. White* and others, Agriculturists of Canada; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the "Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry," may become law.

Of *James McKenzie* and others, of Sydney, County of Cape Breton; and of *L. G. Campbell* and others, of Baddeck, County of Victoria; severally praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers; and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Of *John McDonald* and others; and of *Donald Lynk* and others, interested in the coal trade and shipping interests of the Dominion; severally praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all coal imported into the Dominion.

The Petition of Messrs. *Alexander Muir* and Brothers, and others, of Port Dalhousie, was read; praying that The House may consider the advisability of having the enlargement of the Welland Canal completed and in readiness for the Fall trade of 1878, and on such a scale as will permit of the passage from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario of the largest class of vessels.

Mr. Speaker decided:—"That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least "three Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this "Petition not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered or a second reading, *to-morrow, viz:*—

By Mr. *Blake*—Bill No. 65 to make provision for the extradition of fugitive Criminals.

Also,—Bill No. 66 to repeal certain Laws making breaches of contracts of service, criminal; and to provide for the punishment of certain breaches of contract.

By Mr. *Cartwright*—Bill No. 67 to amend the Law respecting the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent.

By Mr. *Bunster*—Bill No. 68 for the better protection of life and property in the mines of British Columbia.

By Mr. *Trow*—Bill No. 69 to declare Life Assurance Policies non-forfeitable.

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the First Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*—

No. 8. To change the name of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, to the International Railway Company; and for other purposes.

No. 35. Concerning the Ottawa, Vaudreuil, and Montreal Railway Company.

And the following Bills, *with amendments, viz.:*

No. 9. Respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

No. 14. To amend the several Acts incorporating the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Company

On motion of Mr. *Fraser*, the fees paid on the Bill No. 17 to extend the provisions of Section 56 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America, were ordered to be refunded, in accordance with the recommendation of the *Select Standing Committee* on *Banking and Commerce.*

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (Cariboo) it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for Returns of the accounts of Dominion Notes of the denominations of one and two dollars (payable in Victoria) which have been forwarded by Government to the Assistant Receiver General for the Province of British Columbia, during each year, since the admission of that Province into the Dominion; together with the amounts of such notes returned for cancellation during each year therein mentioned.

On motion of Mr. *Domville* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of correspondence between the Minister of Public Works and the officer in charge of the dredging improvements and deepening of the Horse Shoe Bar Channel at the entrance of the Miramichi River; with a statement shewing the total amount of dredging originally contemplated,—the quantity of material removed from said Bar in the respective seasons that the dredge has been at work; the length, breadth and depth of the excavations removed, with the length of the work yet to be excavated, and the probable period of its completion, with a statement of the depth of water proposed to be obtained in said channel by such improvement.

Mr. *Mackenzie* laid before The House,—Copies of papers relating to the late strike on the Grand Trunk Railway Company; and of certain official correspondence with the Ontario Government and the Officials of the Grand Trunk Railway Company on the subject; with a Statement shewing the action taken by the Militia Department, to aid the civil power in preventing the stoppage of the Railway Trains.

On motion of Mr. *Goudge* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return of the quantities and value of the Coal imported into the Dominion of Canada for the six months ending 31st December, 1876; distinguishing the various kinds, as say—Anthracite, Bituminous and Lignite; the Countries and Ports of the same whence brought; the Provinces and Ports of the Dominion where entered.

On motion of Mr. *Masson*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence with the French Vice-Consul in Montreal, or other persons relating to the repatriation of French immigrants during the year 1876, together with a statement shewing the names of said immigrants who may have been so repatriated, the date of their arrival in this country, their age and their occupations previous to their coming here; also, all Departmental rules then and now in force relating to the same.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of papers and correspondence connected with the seizure of the Schooner "Napier" in Ingonish, in the year 1872, for smuggling, and a statement shewing if the Hon. *William Ross* has redeemed his bonds given for the release of said vessel. If not, why not? The amount realized from the sale of Goods seized on board of said vessel.

Also,—an Order of The House; for copies of papers and correspondence in connection with the defalcations of the ex-Collector of Customs, *William Kidston*, at the Port of Baddeck, and a Return shewing if the amount has been refunded to the Department; and if not, the reason for its not being refunded.

On motion of Mr. *Stephenson* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for Returns shewing in detail the cost of the erection of the Lighthouse at the Harbour of Refuge at Rondeau, under contract awarded by tender; the tender received and from whom; whether the lowest tender was accepted; the amount paid for extras in constructing breakwater on the lake side opposite the Lighthouse and whether such extras were done by tender publicly advertised for; also the name of the contractor for oil supplied to said Lighthouse, the cost per gallon supplied, together with loss involved by the fire which occurred last Fall in said Lighthouse; and the correspondence relating thereto, whether from the Lighthouse keeper or the Government Inspector.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, that The House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That in the opinion of this House the interests of British Columbia will be promoted by the adoption of a Special Tariff for the protection of the Farming, Mining and Manufacturing interests of that Province, until the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

And Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (Toronto) it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Statement shewing the extent and character of the Works carried on in the improvement of the Toronto Harbor during the past year; together with all correspondence, plans, and having reference to the best method or methods of permanently securing the harbor against damage and deepening it so as to admit vessels of largest tonnage navigating the upper lakes, with any estimates which may have been made of the cost of such improvements.

On motion of Mr. *Cheval* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Statement as exact as possible, shewing the amount paid by each Steamboat, to the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, during the season 1875-6, for wharfage dues,—together with the name and length of such Steamboat.

On motion of Mr. *Higinbotham* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return shewing, 1st. The value of live cattle imported into each Province, between the 1st day of January, 1875, and the 1st day of January, 1877. 2nd. The value of live cattle imported into each Province during the same period, and entered in bond for exportation. 3rd. The value of live cattle exported from each Province during the same period, specifying what portion thereof, related to cattle imported in bond. 4th. The value of meats, fresh or cured, the product of cattle imported and killed in bond, and exported during the same period from each Province. 5th. The total value of meats, fresh or cured, the product of horned cattle exported from each Province during the same period.

On motion of Mr. *Casey* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for the Engineer's Report of the survey of Eagle Harbor, in the County of Elgin, to decide on its suitableness for a Harbor of Refuge; and map of the said Harbor.

On motion of Mr. *Killam*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada the Imperial Government and any other Governments or persons on the subject of the duty imposed on Canadian ships sold in France; also copies of such portions of recent Commercial Treaties between the United Kingdom and France, as permit the sale in France of ships registered in the United Kingdom on more favorable terms than ships registered in Canada.

On motion of Mr. *Jones* (South Leeds), an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all papers or correspondence, if any, in regard to placing the Dominion of Canada in as favourable a position as any Foreign Country, under the provisions of the Postal Union made at "Berne" on the 9th October, 1874.

On motion of Mr. *Oliver* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return of the Contingencies voted and expended in each Department of the Government, from the 1st of July, 1868, to the close of the last financial year. The Returns also to show the amount expended from July 1st, 1873, to 1st November of the same year.

Also,----for an Order of The House; for a Return of the names and number of officials in each Department of the Government with the Salaries payable on the 1st July, 1873, and on the 6th November of the same year, had the several Orders in Council then existing been carried into effect; also a similar Return for the Civil Service salaries payable on 1st July, 1874-5 and 6.

Return to shew what proportion of the increase (if any) was made under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1870.

Mr. *Ryan* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return shewing the quantity of wood land in the County of Marquette, and the number of licenses to cut wood or timber, in the said County, sold or issued by the Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba, during the last three years, to persons not being actual settlers.

And a Debate arising thereon,—at 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House until half-past 7 o'clock P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The two following Bills were read a third time, and passed, *viz :*—

No. 13. To incorporate "The Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association."

No. 17. To extend the provisions of Section 56 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America.

The two following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred to the *Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, viz :*—

No. 58. To change the name of the Dominion Building Society to "The City Mortgage Loan Company"; and for other purposes.

No. 61. To incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited)."

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the two following Bills, were severally discharged, and the Bills withdrawn, *viz :*—

No. 38. Respecting Procedure in criminal cases in New Brunswick.

No. 39. To repeal the Insolvent Act of 1875, and all Acts passed in amendment thereof.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *MacKay's* (Cape Breton) proposed motion :—"That the Petition of *Henry Mitchell*, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), *McGregor*, *Flynn*, *Campbell*, *Power*, *Tupper*, *Fraser*, *Workman*, *Macdonald* (Toronto), and *Goudge*, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time,"—and the motion of Mr. *Cartwright* in amendment thereto,—and which motion was,—"That all the words after 'Petition of *H. Mitchell*, and others,' be expunged, and the following words be substituted: 'be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), *Laurier*, *McGregor*, *Flynn*, *Fraser*, *Workman*, *Macdonald* (Toronto), *Campbell*, *Power*, *Tupper*, *Appleby*, *Sinclair* and *Dymond*, to enquiry into, and report upon the allegations as to the state of the Coal trade, contained in the said Petition.'"

Mr. *Dymond* moved in amendment, to the said proposed amendment, to add the following words at the end thereof:—"and to enquire into the best means of promoting Interprovincial trade, with power to send for persons, papers, and records;" which was agreed to.

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to, and the Select Committee appointed, accordingly.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill No. 15 to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and to make the said Act operative within the temporary Judicial District of Nipissing, was discharged, and the Bill, withdrawn.

The Bill No. 3 respecting Procedure and Evidence in criminal cases, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.—Amendments to be taken into consideration, *to-morrow*.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Ordered*, That Government business shall have precedence after to-morrow, on Thursdays, during the remainder of the Session.

The two following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow, viz. :*—

No. 55. To make provision for improvements in Prison discipline.

No. 56. For the prevention of gambling practices in certain public conveyances.

The Bill No. 40 respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario, and to amend the Penitentiary Act of 1875, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.—Amendments to be taken into consideration, *to-morrow*.

The House then adjourned at 11.15. P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to erect as requested a Fish-Breeding Establishment in Cape Breton ?

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to comply with the request that certain dredging should be done in the localities indicated in Cape Breton County ?

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to comply with the request that a Quarantine Station should be established and Hospital erected at the Port of Sydney, Cape Breton ?

Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to put a sum of money in the Supplementary Estimates to build a Breakwater at Main-a-dieu, N.S. ?

Mr. *Tupper*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and any of their officers or other parties in Nova Scotia relating to the supply of coal and water for the operation of the Fog Whistle at Cape D'Or, and a statement of the period or periods during which for the past two years that Fog Whistle has not been in operation and the reasons therefor.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex)—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Report of the Commissioners to the late Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland)—On Friday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution :—That it is expedient to amend the Acts respecting the Inspection of Steamboats—31 *Vic.*, c. 65,—32, 33 *Vic.*, c. 39—— and 37 *Vic.*, c. 30 by diminishing, in certain cases, the number of boats, life-preservers, fire buckets, &c., which steamboats are bound to carry under the said Acts and to relieve them from certain other obligations now imposed on them ; and also to substitute for the yearly rate or duty now imposed on them for the Inspection Fund an Inspection fee of eight dollars for each inspection made imperative by the Act 31 *Vic.*, c. 65, on passenger steamboats exceeding one hundred tons burthen and of five dollars for each such inspection on all passenger steamboats of one hundred tons or less, and on all other steamboats.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return of all Emigrants and others trans ported over the *Dawson* Route during the season of 1876, and the cost of the maintenance of the Road during the said season ; also the total expenditure on the Fort Francis Canal up to the 1st January, 1877, the estimated cost of the whole work and the estimated cost of the improvements on the Rainy River necessary to render the Canal of service for the purposes for which it was intended.

Mr. *Palmer*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns of all leases of the right to fish in the non-tidal waters of New Brunswick, shewing which of them, if any, wholly, and which of them partially covers beds of Rivers granted to private persons.

Mr. *Cockburn*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Engineer's Report of the Survey of Parry Sound Harbor made by Mr. *Michaud*, C.E., and others in 1876.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for all papers connected with the awarding of section fifteen of the Canada Pacific Railway, including copies of advertisements for tenders,—all tenders sent in with the names of the parties tendering, the names of all sureties offered, and the amount of such tenders ; a statement of all sums of money deposited at the time of tendering or subsequently, as security in part or in whole for the performance of said contract, and whether such sums or any portion of them have been returned and to whom ; all telegrams and correspondence with parties tendering, or with any other parties in relation to the tenders or to the contractors, all protests fyled by parties tendering or by any other parties in respect of such contracts, all reports to Council by the Minister of Public Works, and Minutes of Council referring to the said tenders and contracts, also copies of contracts for such section number fifteen of the said Canada Pacific Railway, and of any order of the Department of Public Works or Minutes of Council altering the terms of the said contracts or extending the time for the completion of the same.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—That The House do name the Committee ordered on the 5th March last to enquire into the matters connected with the Northern Railway and Northern Extension Railway.

PRIVATE BILLS NOTICE.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration by the *Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on, or after Wednesday, the* 14*th instant*:—

No. 58. To change the name of the Dominion Building Society to "The City Mortgage Loan Company; and for other purposes.

No. 61. To incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited).

No. 19.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Six Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *Patrick Neville* and others, of Bridge Port, County of Cape Breton; of *D. Shaw* and others, of L'Ardoise; of *Joseph Cash* and others, of Irish Cove; of *John McDonald* and others, of Hay Cove, County of Richmond, Nova Scotia; severally praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Of *Joseph T. Tomkins* and others; praying that a ballast wharf may be ordered to be located and constructed in the Port of Hillsborough, New Brunswick, and that no ballast shall be discharged elsewhere by vessels that come to said Port, unless it be upon some shore or suitable wharf above high water.

The Petition of *Joseph Matheson*, and others, of *L'Ardoise* and *St. Peters*, County of *Richmond, N. S.*, was read; praying that The House may consider the advisability of having the *St. Peter's Canal* so enlarged, as to admit the average class of Ocean going ships and steamers; and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the Locks lengthened in proportion.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

And objection being taken to the reception of this Petition, on the ground that it contains several Appendices;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That the objection was well taken, and that the Petition cannot be received by "The House."

The Petition of *Alexander McBride* and others, of *Port Burwell*, was read; praying that The House may consider the advisability of having the enlargement of the *Welland Canal* completed and in readiness for the Fall trade of 1878, and on such a scale as will permit of the passage from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, of the largest class of vessels.

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least "three Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this "Petition not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they *be printed, viz :*—

Return to Order,—Shewing amount paid for Printing and Stationery for the Post Office Department during the year 1875 and 1876 respectively other than to the Parliamentary Printer and Contractor at Ottawa, specifying the Provinces, &c.

Return to Order,—Return of Imports and Exports of live stock for each quarter, from March 1st, 1875, to January 1st, 1877.

Return to Order,—Correspondence with *John Baine, Angus Morrison,* and *Charles L. Campbell,* regarding their dismissals from office as Seizing and Landing Officers at Great Bras D'Or &c.

Return to Order,—Shewing the quantities of different grades of Sugar imported from Europe, British and Foreign West Indies and the United States, from 1st January, 1875, to 1st January, 1877.

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence between the Canadian and Imperial Governments since 1873 in reference to the appointment of additional Senators to the Senate.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz :*—

Return to Address,—Petitions of *T. D. Latour* and others, presented to the Government concerning the Honorable Mr. Justice *Loranger.*

Return to Address,—Petition of *J. B. Brousseau,* Esq., of Town of Sorel, in relation to Mr. Justice *Loranger.*

Return to Order,—Correspondence with the Postmaster General or with the Department in reference to charges preferred against the Postmaster of Bloomsburg in the County of Norfolk.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Mr. *Collet* as Postmaster of St. Henry, County of Levis.

Return to Order,—Correspondence regarding the Postmaster at Great Bras D'Or, and the reason why *McLeod* did not get the office after he was appointed.

Supplementary Return to Order, of all Gypsum or Plaster of Paris imported from the United States into Canada, &c., rate of duty and amount collected.

Return to Order,—Correspondence in possession of the Government relating to the improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of Partridge Island River, &c.

Return to Order, of all Tenders and Contracts for the construction of a Harbor at Ingonish, Nova Scotia, &c., &c.

Return to Order, of all money expended in building a Marine Hospital at Sydney, Cape Breton, with the amount of the different tenders, and the names of the parties tendering, &c.

Return to Order—Statement giving arrangement made between the Government Railways and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for the interchange of cars and transportation of passengers and freight.

Return to Order, of all expenses incurred and moneys expended in the payment of Engineers and others, in connection with the Surveys of the North Branch of the River Sydenham, from the forks at Wallaceburgh to the Village of Wilkesport, in the year 1876.

Return to Order,—Correspondence between the Government or Intercolonial Railway Commissioners and the interested parties of the Parish of Bic, with reference to the change of site of the Railway Station of the said place, &c., also between the interested parties of the Parish of St. Octave de Metis and neighbouring Parishes and the Government asking that the Station at St Octave be more conveniently placed.

Return to Order,—Mr. *Kingsford's* Report on the Piers at Bay St. Paul, Eboulements and Malbaie in the year 1876.

The Committee would also recommend that an Index be prepared and printed of all the Journals and Sessional Papers since 1867, and that the Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons be furnished with one copy each, and that six copies be deposited in the Library.

The Committee would also recommend that after the present Session the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons be so prepared and printed that they may be changed into Journal form on the same principle as the minutes of the Senate are now being done; by which it is hoped economy as well as despatch will be obtained.

Mr. *Vail* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 5th instant; a Return shewing the names of all veterans who have proved their right to partake in the grant of $50,000 voted last session by Parliament in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and '15, and the action taken in each case during the current financial year.

The House resumed the further consideration of Mr. *Ryan's* proposed motion, that it be *Resolved,* That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return shewing the quantity of wood land in the County of Marquette, and the number of licenses to cut wood or timber, in the said County, sold or issued by the Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba, during the last three years, to persons not being actual settlers.

And the question being put; it was agreed to, and an Order of The House issued accordingly.

Mr. *Richard* moved, that the Bill No. 47 to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1874, be now read a second time.

Mr. *Blanchet* moved in amendment, that the Bill be read a second time, this day three months.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The Order for the second reading of the said Bill was then discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Blanchet's* proposed motion,— and which motion was that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer, for a copy of the Reports of Engineers, and other documents relating to the proposed Graving Dock at Quebec.

Mr. *Rouleau* moved in amendment thereto, that the said motion be amended, by adding the following words at the end thereof:—"together with copies of all plans, specifications, and estimates of costs that have been prepared with reference to the said Graving Dock, on either side of the River St. Lawrence."

And a Debate arising thereon;

Mr. *Desjardins* moved that the House do now adjourn; which was negatived on a division.

The said amendment,—as well as the main motion were then,—with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole, *yesterday*, to the Bill No. 3, respecting Procedure and Evidence in criminal cases, were considered, and agreed to.

Mr. *Irving* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with an instruction to add the following Clause to the said Bill:—

"The 64th Section of the said Act is hereby amended, by adding the following words:—

Provided that for the purposes of this Section, a deposition of the witness purporting to have been taken before a Justice or Justices on the investigation of the charge, and to be signed by the witness and the Justice or Justices returned to and produced from the custody of the proper Officer, shall be *primâ facie* presumed to have been signed by the witness."

The Bill was then re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, and amended with the instruction;—the amendment was reported, and agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill No. 5 to amend the Act relating to Criminal Procedure, by allowing persons charged with crime to give evidence as witnesses for the defence, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn

The House then adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Flynn*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to dredge the Harbor of Fourchi, in the County of Richmond, this year?

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the Supplementary Estimates such a sum as may be required in order that Canada may take part in and be represented at the Universal Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1878.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for all correspondence between Mr. *James Niven*, of Newcastle, Miramichi, N.B., and the Officers of the Intercolonial Railway and the Government, in reference to the killing by one of the Trains of said Road, on the 23rd of February last, of Five head of Cattle of the said *James Niven*; also a statement from the Officers of the Road as to the distance to the place of accident from the Miramichi Station from which the said Train started; whether the same is or is not a straight line; where the Driver of the said Train first saw the Cattle on said Track, and whether with ordinary precautions he could not have avoided the accident.

Mr. *Pouliot*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for :—1. Copies o the arrangement made by the Government, or by the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, respecting the tariff of charges for the conveyance of passengers and freight over the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railways. 2. A Statement of the rates which should have been and ought still to be charged for passengers and for freight by the Grand Trunk Railway from its various Stations to Rivière du-Loup, and *vice versâ*, per passenger, per car, and per the hundred pounds of the different classes of merchandise. 3. A Statement of the rates charged by the Intercolonial Railway, for passengers and freight over the Intercolonial Railway from Rivière-du-Loup to its various Stations, and *vice versâ*, per passenger, per car, and per the hundred pounds of the different classes of merchandise.

Mr. *Horton*—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a sum in the Supplementary Estimates to repair the small Breakwater under the Lighthouse at Goderich, placed there to prevent the sliding of the Bank, but which has been much damaged by the heavy storms of last season ?

Mr. *De St. Georges*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a statement of the names of all officials in the Civil Service; the amounts of their respective salaries, and all increases, with the dates thereof since 1st November, 1873; also a list of all those who have been superannuated, shewing the amount allowed from that date to the present time.

Mr. *Fréchette*—On Monday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient that Government should be urged to take the proper steps to test practically the possibility of navigating the St. Lawrence from Quebec to the Gulf, during the winter season.

Mr. *Hagar*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all Reports of Engineers or correspondence respecting the existence and cause of the greater rise in the waters of the sixty mile level of the River Ottawa, between the Chaudiere Falls and the Long Sault Rapids, than the levels below and above those points, as set forth in the petitions to this House of certain inhabitants of the Counties of Ottawa, Prescott and Russell.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return of all correspondence between the Government and the Contractor for the construction of the Dam, Lock and Slide on the Ottawa River at Carillon.

No. 20.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 19th ult; Copies of all correspondence or papers in the possession of the Government relating to the improvement of the Harbor at the mouth of Partridge Island River; also, all papers or correspondence, relating to the repair and protection of the Pier at Partridge Island.

Also,—Return to Address of the 1st instant; Copies of all correspondence between the Dominion and the Imperial Governments from the month of October, 1873, to the 31st December, 1874, and relating to the appointment of Senators for the Dominion.

And,—Order of The House on the 7th April, 1876; Copies of all correspondence between the workmen on section 8 of the Intercolonial Railway and the Government, in relation to the non-payment of their wages for work done under the direction of *John O'Donnell*, agent of *Duncan McDonald*, contractor for the said section; copies of their sworn accounts transmitted to the Department of Public Works by divers persons: also copies of all correspondence which may have passed between the Government and the Superintendent of Dominion Railways for the Government, or between the Government and the parties interested.

Mr. *Vail* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 5th instant; for a Return giving the names of all the Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors on the Staff of the Volunteer Militia Force of Canada on the 1st day of January, 1876; the District in which they were stationed; the date of their appointments respectively; the length of time they had each served; the names of those who have been removed from the Staff; the date of such removal; and the names of those officers who have been appointed Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors since the first of January, 1876; and the length of time they have served in the Volunteer Force of Canada before such appointments were made.

Two Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *Alexander Urquhart* and others; of *Hector Murchison*, and others, of Grand River, County of Richmond; and of *P. A. Macdonald*, M.D., and others, of Port Mulgrave, County of Guysborough, Nova Scotia; severally praying that The House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the locks lengthened in proportion.

The Petition of Messrs. *Adam Hope* and Company, and others, of the City of Hamilton, was read; praying that The House may consider the advisability of having the enlargement of the Welland Canal completed and in readiness for the Fall trade of 1878, and on such a scale, as will permit of the passage from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario of the largest class of vessels.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least "three Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this "Petition not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 28 respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company, *without amendment.*

And the following Bills, *with amendments, viz.:*—

No. 25. To amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.

No. 12. To grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited.)

No. 43. To authorize the Union Forwarding and Railway Company, to reduce its paid-up capital.

Mr. *Young*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the First Report of the said Committee, submitting to The House the papers relating to the superannuation of *W. Warren*, Esq., late Collector of Customs, at Whitby, Ontario.

On motion of Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), the Select Committee appointed to inquire into, and report upon the Petition of *Henry Mitchell* and others; obtained leave to employ a short-hand writer.

On motion of Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), Mr. *Goudge* was added to the last mentioned Select Committee.

A motion being made by Mr. *Blake*, that this House will, *on Tuesday next*, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the following proposed Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide that the Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario shall receive no fees, but shall receive a salary of dollars, per annum, and *pro rata* for any shorter time than a year, which salary shall be paid out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, in like manner as the salaries of other Judges.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide temporarily that any Surrogate Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario may, if resident elsewhere than in Toronto, receive emoluments to be from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council, and to be provided for by suitor's fees, payable under a tariff to be from time to time fixed and altered by the Governor in Council; and that the fees payable by suitors under the tariff shall be paid over, by the officer appointed to collect them, to the Receiver-General, and shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and thereout shall be paid the emoluments of the Surrogate Judge.

Mr. *Blake*, by command of His Excellency, acquainted The House, that His Excellency the Governor General having been informed of the subject matter of these Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of The House.

Resolved, That this House will, *on Tuesday next*, resolve itself into the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmorland), The House resolved to go into Committee, on Tuesday next, to consider the following proposed Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Acts respecting the Inspection of Steamboats—31 *Victoria*, Chapter 65,—32, 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 39—and 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 30 by diminishing, in certain cases, the number of boats, life-preservers, fire buckets, &c., which steamboats are bound to carry under the said Acts and to relieve them from certain other obligations now imposed on them; and also to substitute for the yearly rate or duty now imposed on them for the Inspection Fund an Inspection fee of eight dollars for each inspection made imperative by the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 65, on passenger steamboats exceeding one hundred tons burthen and of five dollars for each such inspection on all passenger steamboats of one hundred tons or less, and on all other steamboats.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, that The House do now name the Committee ordered on the 5th instant, to enquire into matters connected with the *Northern Railway*, and *Northern Extension Railway*; which was agreed to.

The Members to compose the Committee, were then named by The House, as follows:—Messrs. *Guthrie*, *Archibald*, *Bertram*, *De Veber*, *Casgrain*, *Killam*, *McCarthy*, *Palmer* and *Bowell*.—9.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Resolved*, That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations in the Report and evidence of the Commission on the *Northern Railway Company*, as to the application of moneys payable to the

Government; and also to make a searching inquiry into the accounts of the *Northern Railway* and *Northern Extension Railway*, so as to complete the enquiry begun and left unfinished by the Commission, *should be examined on Oath.*

Mr. *Mitchell* moved, that The House do now adjourn.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The Bill No. 40 respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario, and to amend the Penitentiary Act of 1875, as amended in Committee of the Whole, on Wednesday, last, was considered, the amendments agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 64 to amend the Acts relating to the Supreme and Exchequer Courts, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion for the second reading of Resolution 1, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,—and the motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* in amendment thereto, and which motion was:—"That the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, added by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion,"—and of the proposed motion of Mr. *Wood* in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*Resolved*" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That inasmuch as it has been deemed necessary to raise an additional Revenue, it is the opinion of this House that the interests of the Country would be better served by imposing additional duties upon such goods and wares, as may be produced in Canada; thereby affording increased protection, while securing the additional Revenue required.

And a further Debate arising,—at six o'clock, P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House until half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

7.30 P. M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz:*—

No. 8. To change the name of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, to th International Railway Company; and for other purposes.

No. 35. Concerning the Ottawa, Vaudreuil and Montreal Railway Company.

No. 9. Respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

No. 14. To amend the several Acts incorporating the Montreal, Portland, and Boston Railway Company.

The House then resumed the foregoing adjourned Debate.

And a further Debate arising,—and the House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

SATURDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1877.

And the Debate continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Fleming*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 12.20 A.M., until Monday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Metcalfe*—On Monday next—BILL intituled "An Act to preserve to the Electors of the Village of Stouffville the continuance of their representation in Parliament.

Mr. *Mills*—On Tuesday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the North-West Territories Act, 1875."

Mr. *Pope* (Queens)—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return of all monies paid for legal services or legal expenses in Prince Edward Island, from 1st January, 1874, to the present time, shewing when paid, to whom paid and for what services.

Mr. *Pope* (Queens)—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return shewing the names of all Government officials in Prince Edward Island, specifying nature of office held by each, date of appointment and amount of salary.

Mr. *Forbes*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it would not be in the public interest to compel Lobster Factors before establishing Factories to obtain a License and pay a fee for the same, as is now required from owners of Fish Traps?

Mr. *Orton*—On Monday next—That it is expedient in the public interest and to obtain a thorough knowledge of the financial position of the Dominion, that returns be made to Parliament annually of the number of Real Estate and Chattel Mortgages; the amount of each; the table of the rates of interest paid in each case, also the actual rates of interest paid to each of the various Building and other Loaning Societies. —This Return to be given under oath.

Mr. *Robitaille*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of papers and correspondence on the subject of the closing of the Post Office in the vicinity of the Church of St. Jean l'Evangeliste de la Nouvelle.

Mr. *Bowman*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Statement setting forth the total number of Newspapers and other periodicals in each County and City of the Dominion which have paid postage on papers sent from "the office of publication," with the total revenue raised therefrom during the past year.—The Statement to be made in the same form as the one brought down last Session.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Returns shewing the number of Illicit Stills seized by the Revenue Officers of the Dominion in 1873, 1874 and 1875; giving the dates when the different seizures were made, where made, and the estimated value of the property seized.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Lists of Stockholders of the Ontario Bank, on the 1st ultimo,—and of the Bank of Yarmouth, N.S., on the 27th ultimo, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

Also,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of Beauce, Beauharnois, Kamouraska, Terrebonne and Bedford, for the year 1876,—and Supplementary Statement for the latter District, for the year, 1875.

Ten Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Messrs. *A.* and *J. Maguire*, Merchants, and others, of Steep Creek, County of Guysborough ; of *Edward E. Binet*, Merchant, and others, of Arichat; of *William Crichton*, Merchant, and others, of West Arichat, County of Richmond ; and of *W. W. Bown*, and others, of Cow Bay, County of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia; severally praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Of *J. P. Bull*, and others, Agriculturists of Canada; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry may become law.

The Petition of *John A. Macdonald*, and others, of Queen's County, Prince Edward Island, was read; praying for an appropriation of money, towards the construction of a Breakwater on the Eastern Bar of the Harbor of Grand Tracadie.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received ;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That in accordance with Rule 85, which requires the signatures of at least three "Petitioners on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, and the sheet of the prayer of this Petition "not having any signature at all, it cannot be received."

The Petitions of *Charles Dickson* and *John Martell* of *Main-à-Dieu*, Cape Breton ; praying for the construction of a Breakwater near the entrance of *Main-à-Dieu* Harbor,—and of *C. B. Bowman* and others, of Windsor and vicinity, County of Hants, Nova Scotia ; praying that a subsidy may be granted for a Steamer to ply on the Basin of Minas, between Saint John, New Brunswick, and Windsor, Nova Scotia, calling at Parrsborough, in the County of Cumberland, were read.

And motion being made, that the said Petitions be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the granting the prayer of these Petitions would involve the expenditure "of public money, they cannot be received."

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, *with amendments, viz:*—

No. 30. To incorporate the Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

No. 31. To authorize and provide for the winding up of the Metropolitan Bank;—and

No. 32. Respecting *La Banque Jacques Cartier.*

Mr. *Mills* presented, in obedeience to the Order of The House, on the 5th instant; Returns of all lands surrendered by the Dominion Government, to the Government of Manitoba, for road purposes.

And,—to the Order of The House, on the 19th ultimo; Copies of all papers and correspondence, relating to the distribution of Half-breed lands, in the Province of Manitoba.

On motion of Mr. *Archibald*, the Select Committee for enquiring into the accounts of the Northern Railway of Canada, and the Northern Extension Railway, obtained leave to engage the services of a short-hand writer, for the purpose of taking down the evidence, which may be taken by the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Laurier*, the Select Committee to enquire into the administration of Justice, in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec, obtained leave to employ a short-hand writer; and the said short-hand writer, in addition to the usual allowance, to be allowed his travelling expenses *to and from Ottawa.*

The two following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz:*—

By Mr. *Metcalfe*—Bill No. 70 to preserve to the Electors of the Village of Stouffville, the continuance of their representation in Parliament, to the respective Electoral Divisions, in which they were placed, before the incorporation of the said Village.

By Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—Bill No. 71 to repeal the Act 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 47, intituled: "An Act respecting Weights and Measures."

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz:*—

No. 28. Respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company.

No. 25. To amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.

No. 43. To authorize the Union Forwarding and Railway Company to reduce its paid-up Capital.

The Bill No. 12 to grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited) was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, and agreed to, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow.*

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officers,—and Addresses voted to His Excellency, *viz:*—

By Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness)—Order of The House; for copies of all Reports and Plans of Port Hood Harbor, in the County of Inverness, made by the Engineers under the direction of the Dominion Government.

By Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex)—Order of The House; for a Return of the Government deposits in the different Banks of the Dominion on the first day of each month, from January 1st, 1876, to January 1st, 1877, inclusive; and also at the agencies of such Banks and other Banking Houses in London, and specifying the amounts drawing interest, and the rate thereof.

By Mr. *Dewdney*—Address to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence, with reference to the appointment of Mr. *J. G. Norris*, as Deputy Collector of Customs, Kootenay, British Columbia; with copies of any recommendations on his behalf.

Also,—Address to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and Mr. *C. T. Dupont*, or any other parties, with reference to his inspection of the several Customs Stations between Victoria and Kootenay in 1876,—also copy of instructions to Mr. *Dupont*, as well as his Report on his return.

Mr. *Stephenson* moved, That an Address be voted to His Excellency; for copies of all Orders in Council, correspondence and documents passed or written subsequent to the 1st October, 1876, relating to the superannuation, retiring allowance, or allowance made to the widow or relations of *Edwin Larwill*, a late employé of the Dominion Government, deceased.

And a Debate arising,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *White* (Renfrew)—Order of The House; for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the Engineer in charge of the Culbute Canal, in reference to the Petition

of *Elizabeth Sullivan*, of the Township of Pembroke, in the County of Renfrew, praying for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by her, through the construction of a Dam at the said Culbute Canal, together with a copy of the Engineer's Report on the subject matter of the said Petition.

By Mr. *Shibley*—Order of The House; for Return shewing the quantity and price of land purchased for the purposes of the construction and maintenance of the Kingston and Ottawa Division of the Rideau Canal; also copies of all leases or agreements disposing of any water power in connection with said Canal.

Mr. *Jones* (S. R. Leeds) moved, that the Return to the Order of The House on the 12th ult., and laid on the Table on the 23rd ult., for copies of all Orders in Council and all instructions or orders from the Department of Public Works relating to the destruction by force, last July, of the Dam called the Dominion Dam, on Devil Lake, in the County of Addington; and for copies of all Reports made by Engineers or any Engineer or Employé of the Government, and of all correspondence relating to the said Dam, its destruction or reconstruction be printed; and that an extra number be printed for the use of Members.

The said proposed motion was then submitted to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, in pursuance to Rule 94.

By Mr. *McDonald* (Cape Breton)—Order of The House; for copies of Return of the Harbor Master for the Port of *Little Glace Bay, N. S.*, for the year ending, 31st December, 1876; showing the amounts of fees collected; the names of all vessels from which fees were collected; also any correspondence in relation to the office of Harbor Master for the Port of *Little Glace Bay, N. S.*

By Mr. *Rochester*—Address to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence between the Government, and the Council of the County of Carleton, respecting a Bridge across the Rideau River, at the Village of Wellington.

Also,—Order of The House; for copies of all instructions, issued from the Inland Revenue Department to its Officers throughout the Dominion, both by letter and telegraph, as to what time the additional duty on malt was to take effect.

By Mr. *Flynn*—Address to His Excellency; for copies of all contracts and Orders in Council during the year 1876, in connection with the enlargement of the St. Peter's Canal.

Mr. *Campbell* moved, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all correspondence with reference to the removal of *Malcolm Matheson*, as Postmaster at *Little Narrows*, County of Victoria, in the year 1874;

And a Debate arising,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *Campbell*—Order of The House; for a copy of the Report of the Government Engineer, on the practicability of opening *Aspy Bay Harbor, Victoria*, so as to admit vessels of certain tonnage, in the year 1872.

By Mr. *Tupper*—Order of The House; for copies of all correspondence between *Sarah Graham*, Widow, and the Government, in reference to an application for aid in consequence of the reduction of salary and subsequent death of the late *William Graham*, at that time a Messenger of this House.

By Mr. *Domville*—Order of The House; for a Statement in detail shewing the quantities, descriptions and value of Machinery, Locomotives, Roofs, Bridges, Turn-tables, Nails, Spikes, and other goods, imported into the Dominion of Canada for the use of the Intercolonial Railway and Prince Edward Island Railway, and admitted free of duty from the first of January, 1874, to 1st January, 1877; giving the names of the parties importing or supplying; where imported from and port of entry.

By Mr. *Rochester*—Order of The House; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Council of the County of Carleton, respecting a Bridge over the By-Wash at Long Island.

By Mr. *Tupper*—Address to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Dominion Government, and between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, relating to the Great Seal of the Province that has been affixed to all documents requiring the same, since Confederation.

By Mr. *White* (Renfrew)—Order of The House; for a Return shewing:—

1st. The names of the Slide Masters in the employ of the Department of Public Works at each of the Slide Stations on the Ottawa River and its tributaries on the 1st day of July, 1876;

2nd. The salary or remuneration paid to each of the said Slide Masters for the year ending 1st July, 1876;

3rd. The number of pieces of Timber and Saw Logs, respectively, passed through each of the said Slide Stations for the year ending 1st July, 1876.

By Mr. *Burpee* (Sunbury)—Order of The House; for copies of all Reports made by the Engineer or Engineers in charge of Public Works on the improvement of the navigation of the St. John River, New Brunswick, since June, 1871; as well as the amount of dredging done since that date on the Oromocto Shoals (so called), and the state of the navigation at that point.

By Mr. *Costigan*—Order of The House; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the *Tobigue* Indians, or any person on their behalf, relating to the appointment of a resident Agent at that place.

By Mr. *Cimon*—Order of The House; for copies of all Petitions and correspondence, respecting the grant by the Dominion Government of a sum of money, to assist in the construction of the Railway, from Quebec to Lake St. John.

By Mr. *De Cosmos*—Order of The House; for a copy of every tender received since November last by the Postal Department for carrying the Mails in British Columbia; with the names of the tenderers and their securities; also a copy of all telegrams and letters received or sent by the Postal Department respecting the same.

The House then adjourned at 11.05 P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to extend the Act respecting trade marks and industrial designs to the Provinces of Prince Edward Island and British Columbia."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to provide for the safe custody of prisoners in places where the common gaols become temporarily insecure."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to amend the Railway Act of 1868."

Mr. *Guthrie*—On Wednesday next—BILL to amend the Act respecting Larceny and other similar offences."

Mr. *Caron*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to arm all the Rifle Regiments with the short rifle and sword-bayonet?

Mr. *Caron*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why the Government do not, as formerly, distribute among the Officers of the Militia Force, and more especially among the Commanding Officers, Copies of General Orders as published in the "Official Gazette."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to amend the Law with reference to appeals from convictions made by Justices of the Peace."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to make provision against the improper use of fire arms."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses."

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Return of all Licenses issued to fish in the River Thomas from Gardiner's Dam to the mouth of the River Thomas together with the names of the parties to whom the Licenses have been issued for the years 1875 also 1876; the limit of said Licenses; and the prices paid for the same respectively.

Mr. *Irving*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange."

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland)—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution :—That it is expedient to amend the Act 36 *Vic.*, cap. 61, respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, by repealing the existing Tariff of Tolls and dues on vessels using the Harbour, and on merchandize and other things landed from or shipped on board such vessels, from the first day of April next, and substituting a new Tariff which he will then submit for the consideration of the Committee; and by giving the said Commissioners power from time to time to alter or modify the said Tariff with the consent and approval of the Governor in Council.

Mr. *Pope* (Queens)—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return shewing amounts paid for printing for all services done in Prince Edward Island, during the year 1874, 1875 and 1876, respectively; the nature of the work done and the names of the persons who performed such work.

Mr. *Robitaille*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence, reports, papers and records, respecting the renewal of the contract for the transportation of the mail between Campbellton and Paspebiac, nearly six months before the expiration of the said contract, and without tenders being called for; and also for copies of the contract.

Mr. *McCarthy*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Correspondence between the Department of Customs and any Customs House Officer respecting any application for permission to be a candidate for any corporate office between the dates following, that is to say, 1st July, 1875, and 1st January, 1877.

No. 22.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1877.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Copies of such General Rules and Orders, as have been made by the Judges of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts, since the last Session; in compliance with the provisions of Section 79 of "The Supreme and Exchequer Court Act," and Section 14 of "The Petition of Right Act, 1876."

Two Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 45 to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company, *with amendments*.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 15th ult; a Statement of accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway in the County of Northumberland—the number of cattle which have been killed by locomotives on said Railway—with a statement of the causes of such accidents and whether the same has arisen from want of fencing along the line of said Road or otherwise—with a list of claims made by proprietors of cattle killed or injured—amounts paid on such claims—with a statement of claims rejected and the reason of such rejection; also a statement as to whether it is the intention of Government to erect a fence on the said line of Railway where none now exist in the vicinity of the Town of Newcastle.

Also,—to the Order of The House, on the 15th ult; a Statement shewing the monthly sales of Season, also of commutation tickets, at each Station of the Intercolonial Railway for a period of eighteen months preceding the 31st December last.

Also,—To the Order of The House on the 15th ult.; a Statement shewing all claims made against the Intercolonial Railway for damages or loss of any kind sustained by private individuals resulting from working the railway during the year 1876, also showing what was paid thereon, and how disposed of.

Also,—To the Order of The House on the 19th ult.; a Statement shewing each sum of money paid to *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Line in British Columbia, since the 10th February, 1875; also stating why each sum of money was so paid and giving the estimates, vouchers, Reports and Orders in virtue of which each such sum was so paid.

Also,— to the Order of The House on the 19th ult.; a Return giving a Statement of all amounts paid to this date in connection with the purchase of 50,000 tons of Steel Rails, fastenings, &c., for the Pacific Railway, with the dates of such payments, and to whom paid, including all charges and commissions upon the same prior to their delivery in Canada; and all sums still remaining unpaid on account of such purchase.

Also,—Return to Address of the 19th ult.; Copies of all correspondence which may have passed between the Government of Canada or any of its officers and *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Lines in British Columbia, since the 26th May, 1875; also all Departmental Orders or Orders in Council since the same date in relation to the construction or maintenance of the said Telegraph Lines; or in relation to the claims made by the said *F. J. Bernard*, in consequence of the orders given him on the 9th April, 1875, to stop work on the said Telegraph Line in British Columbia.

And,—to the Order of The House on the 7th inst; the Engineer's Report of the survey of Eagle Harbor, in the County of Elgin, to decide on its suitableness for a Harbor of Refuge; and map of the said Harbor.

On motion of Mr. *Trow*, the Select Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization obtained leave to employ a short-hand writer, to take evidence before the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Jetté*, the Order of the House, on the 28th ult., referring the Bill No. 33 to incorporate "*La Société de construction St. Jacques*," as a Permanent Building Society; and for other purposes, to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, was discharged, and the said Bill referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Huntington* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; Copies of all tenders, correspondence and documents of whatsoever nature, between the Inspector of Post Offices for the Quebec Division, the Post Office Department at Ottawa and any person whomsoever, in relation to the contract for carrying the Mail between Scott's Junction, in the County of Beauce and Parish of St. Bernard, in the County of Dorchester.

The Bill No. 56, for the prevention of Gambling practices in certain public conveyances, was read a third time and passed.

The Bill No. 41, to establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *on Thursday next.*

The Bill No. 60, to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act in amendment thereof, was also read he second time, and referred to a Committeé of the Whole, *on Thursday next.*

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain proposed Resolutions, on the subject of the salary of the Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that the Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario shall receive no fees, but shall receive a salary of six hundred dollars, free and clear from all deductions whatsoever, per annum, and *pro rata* for any shorter time than a year, which salary shall be paid out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, in like manner as the salaries of other Judges.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide temporarily that any Surrogate Judge of the Maritime Court of Ontario may, if resident elsewhere than Toronto, receive emoluments out of funds provided by suitors' fees payable under a tariff to be from time to time fixed and altered by the Governor in Council; and that the fees payable by suitors under the tariff shall be paid over, by the officer appointed to collect them, to the Receiver-General, and shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund; and thereout shall be paid the emoluments of the Surrogate Judge.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on Bill No. 41, to establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario.

On motion of Mr. *Burpee* (Saint John), the House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the Customs Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 6.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting the Customs, 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 6, so as to make better provisions for the reporting of vessels inwards and outwards.

The reporting of Railway Trains at frontier ports, &c., inwards and outwards.

To make better provision for the securing of correct statements of Exports by land and water.

To provide greater security to the Revenue in connection with the warehouses and warehousing business of Canada; and to consolidate the Act so amended and the amendments made to it by any other Acts; such amendments not affecting the Tariff of duties.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Burpee* (Saint John) then introduced a Bill No. 19 to amend, and to consolidate as amended, the Acts respecting the Customs, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Thursday next.*

Mr. *Blake* presented, Return to Address of yesterday's date; for copies of all correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Dominion Government, and between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, relating to the Great Seal of the Province, that has been affixed to all documents requiring the same, since Confederation.

The House resumed the further adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion for the second reading of Resolution 1, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,—and the motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* in amendment thereto, and which motion was :—"That the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved,* That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion,"—and of the proposed motion of Mr. *Wood* in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*Resolved*" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That inasmuch as it has been deemed necessary to raise an additional Revenue, it is the opinion of this House that the interests of the Country would be better served by imposing additional duties upon such goods and wares, as may be produced in Canada; thereby affording increased protection, while securing the additional Revenue required."

And the Debate continuing,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

WEDNESDAY, 14th March, 1877.

And the Debate still continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Mills,* adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 1.40 A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Dewdney*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to locate the whole line from Burrard Inlet to Tête Jaune Cache before selecting the route through British Columbia for the Canadian Pacific Railway?

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland)—On Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to amend the Acts for the improvement and management of the Harbour of Quebec, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873," (1) By altering the rates payable on tow boats and steamers plying in or to the Harbour of Quebec, and making better provision for ensuring the payment of the Harbour dues; (2) By empowering the Harbour Commissioners to impose penalties not exceeding $100 or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days for infraction of their by-laws; (3) By enabling the Commissioners in their discretion to fine a pilot not exceeding $100, instead of suspending or dismissing him for certain offences; and (4) By authorizing the Commissioners to substitute rates per ton weight or measurement for those now imposed, or otherwise to commute the same, but not to exceed the amounts now authorized, except with the consent of the Governor in Council.

No. 23.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Five Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *Charles A. M. Globensky*, of the Village of St. Eustache, Province of Quebec, Esquire; praying that the Bill now before Parliament, respecting La Banque Jacques Cartier, may not become law, unless it be so amended as to preserve all his rights.

Of the Town Council of the Town of Iberville; praying that the charter granting to the Honorable *Robert Jones* and his heirs, the monopoly of a toll-bridge over the River Richelieu, may not be renewed, but that the Corporation aforesaid be authorized to purchase the said bridge.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Dupuy* and others, of the Parish of St. Sébastien; and of the Reverend *T. St. Aubin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of St. George de Henryville, County of Iberville; severally praying that the charter granting to the Honorable *Robert Jones* and his heirs the monopoly of a toll-bridge over the River Richelieu, may not be renewed, unless the tolls on the said bridge be reduced by one-half.

Of *John McMaster* and others; of *Malcolm McAuly* and others, of Malagawatch; of *William Hamilton* and others, of Marble Mountain; of *Robert McDougall*, Sheriff, and others, of Port Hood; of *George C. Lawrence* and others, of Port Hastings, County of Inverness; of *Donald McDonald* and others, of Loch Lomond, and of *Patrick White* and others, of Grandigue, County of Richmond, Nova Scotia; severally praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet, and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, Return to an Order of The House, on the 12th instant; for copies of all correspondence between *Sarah Graham*, Widow, and the Government, in reference to an application for aid in consequence of the reduction of salary and subsequent death of the late *William Graham*, at that time a Messenger of this House.

And,—Return to Address of the 21st ultimo; for copies of all Orders in Council authorizing or relating to the construction of the Fort Francis Locks or Canal: all papers, correspondence, instructions to Engineers and reports of Engineers and others pointing out the advantage to be gained from this Public Work, and giving an estimate of its cost and of the cost of the entire works necessary to attain the object for which it is proposed to build the Canal.

Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 26 to vest the property and powers of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company, in *Joseph Harris McClellan, with amendments.*

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, *with amendments, viz :—*

No. 34. To amend the Act to incorporate the "Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company."

No. 52. Further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company; and

No. 57. To authorize the "Royal Canadian Insurance Company," to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Fifth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, was concurred in, excepting the last paragraph, which recommends,—"that after "the present Session of Parliament, the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons should be so "prepared and printed, that they may be changed into Journal form, on the same principle as the Minutes "of the Senate are now being done, by which it is hoped economy as well as despatch will be obtained."

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 24 to amend the Act respecting Larceny, and other similar offences, *without amendment.*

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 23 to extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island, certain Criminal Laws now in force in other Provinces in Canada, *with one amendment.* (On motion of Mr. *Blake*, the said amendment was taken into consideration, and agreed to).

Also,—with the following Bill of their own (No. 72), intituled: An Act to amend the Act to incorporate "The Globe Printing Company," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Mr. *Blain*, the said Bill was read the first time—Second reading *on Friday next*).

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Friday next, viz :—*

By Mr. *Irving*—Bill No. 73 relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange.

By Mr. *Mills*—Bill No. 74 to amend the North-West Territories Act, 1875.

And the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz :—*

By Mr. *Blake*—Bill No. 75 to extend the Act respecting Trade Marks and industrial designs, to the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, and British Columbia.

Also,—a Bill No. 76 to amend the Railway Act, of 1868.

Also,—a Bill No. 77 to provide for the safe custody of prisoners, in places where the common gaols become temporarily insecure.

Also,—a Bill No. 78 to amend the Law with reference to appeals from convictions made by Justices of the Peace.

Also,—a Bill No. 79 to make provision against the improper use of fire arms.

And,—a Bill No. 80 to amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses.

By Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill No. 81 to amend the Act respecting Larceny and other similar offences.

Mr. *Blake* presented, Return to Address of the 15th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Federal and any of the Provincial Governments since the establishment of Confederation, concerning the disallowance of Provincial Acts or the action on Provincial Bills reserved.

Mr. *Laurier* moved, that the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec, be authorized to have the evidence taken before the said Committee, to be printed for the use of the Members thereof.

The said proposed motion was then submitted to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, in pursuance to Rule 94.

Mr. *De Cosmos* moved, that a Select Committee of twelve Members be appointed, to enquire into the progress made with the surveys of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; with power to send for persons and papers, and to report from time to time.

And the question being put;—it was negatived on a division.

Mr. *Casey* moved, that a Select Committee be appointed, to enquire into the present condition of the Civil Service and the method of nominating and examining candidates for appointments, with a view to ascertaining whether better means cannot be adopted for securing the appointment of properly qualified persons and the general efficiency of the Service; with power to send for persons papers, and records.

Said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Archibald, Aylmer, Charlton, Colby, De St. Georges, Kirkpatrick, Killam, Macdougall* (Elgin), *McDougall* (Renfrew), *Roscoe, Wright* (Pontiac), *Church, Paterson,* and *Burpee* (Sunbury), and the mover, of whom five shall be a quorum, and that said Committee have power to report to the House its observations on the subject referred to it, together with minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Mitchell,* adjourned.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz* :—

No. 30. To incorporate "The Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia."

No. 31. To authorize and provide for the winding up of the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 32. Respecting "*La Banque Jacques Cartier.*"

No. 45. To incorporate the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company.

The Bill No. 53 to make further provision for the establishment and management of Building Societies in the Province of Quebec, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Trow* moved, that the Bill No. 69, to declare Life Assurance Policies non-forfeitable, be now read a second time.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House withdrawn,—the Order of the Day discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The Bill No. 21, to amend the Act 37 *Victoria,* Chapter 57, respecting Permanent Building Societies in Ontario, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow,* to consider the following Resolution:—*Resolved,*—That it is expedient to amend the Act 36 *Victoria* Chapter 61, respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, by repealing the existing Tariff of Tolls and dues on vessels using the Harbour, and on merchandize and other things landed from or shipped on board such vessels, from the first day of April next, and substituting a new Tariff which he will then submit for the consideration of the Committee; and by giving the said Commissioners power from time to time to alter or modify the said Tariff with the consent and approval of the Governor in Council.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved—That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to make arrangements for carrying out the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway in pursuance of negotiations entered into with the Government of Nova Scotia, and the Halifax and Cape Breton Railway and Coal Company under the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th May, 1874; and for that purpose to provide—

1. That the said Branch Railway with sufficient land for the purposes thereof and the Stations and buildings thereon, but without rolling stock, may be transferred absolutely to the person or Company constructing a line of Railway from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, and providing sufficient rolling stock and appurtenances for the same, and a proper Steam Ferry across the said Strait, the whole to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works.

2. That temporary possession of the said Branch Railway may be given to the person or Company with whom the Nova Scotia Government shall have contracted for the construction of the said extension to the said Strait, and the establishment of the said Steam Ferry, as soon as such person or Company shall have expended not less than $400,000 on the work to the satisfaction of the said Minister of Public Works; subject to immediate resumption of the said Branch Railway by the Government of Canada and repayment of the net earnings thereof, in case of failure to fulfil the conditions aforesaid, by such person or Company, who shall give proper security for the fulfilment thereof and for the payment of all damages resulting from such failure, to the satisfaction of the Minister; such failure also operating the avoidance of any arrangement for the absolute transfer of the said Branch Railway.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Mackenzie* then introduced a Bill No. 82 to authorize the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway to the person or Company, constructing a line of Railway from New Glasgow, to the Strait of Canso; and providing a proper Ferry across the Strait.—Second reading, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 65 to make provision for the Extradition of fugitive Criminals, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of Whole, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 67 to amend the Law respecting the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all the correspondence, letters and telegrams, between the Government and the proprietors of the lands in the neighbourhood of the proposed enlargement of the Lachine Canal from the first of March, 1875, up to the 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all the orders given to the Engineers to furnish information to such proprietors, and of all applications of said proprietors for information made either to the Government, to the Engineers or to the Department of Public Works, as to the quantity of land required for such enlargement between the same dates, 1st March, 1875, and 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all offers, proposals and arrangements submitted by the said proprietors to the Government, to the Engineers or to the Department of Public Works—and of all offers, proposals and arrangements submitted by the Government, the Engineers, or the Department of Public Works, to the said proprietors, between the said dates of the 1st March, 1875, and 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all reports made by arbitrators or valuators on the value of the lands of such riparian proprietors on the said Canal, within the said period, from 1st March, 1875, to 10th March, 1877;—also of all reports made by the Engineers to the Government, or to the Department of Public Works, on the value of the said lands, and on the offers, proposals or arrangements made or proposed by such proprietors to the Government, or by the Government to such proprietors, within the said period, from the 1st March, 1875, to 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all contracts entered into between such proprietors and the Government, or the Department of Public Works, in relation to the lands required for the enlargement of the Lachine Canal, between the 1st March, 1875, and the 10th March, 1877.

Mr. *Goudge*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of any correspondence that may have passed during the past three years between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of this Dominion, relative to the abolition of Light dues upon Canadian shipping.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Friday next—COMMITTEE OF WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to amend the Act 38 *Vic.* cap. 34, respecting the culling and measuring of timber, by repealing the twelfth section thereof, and by authorizing the Governor in Council to fix the number of Cullers to be employed in each Department of the Supervisor's office, the number in the square timber Department not to exceed eighteen; and to grant annuities not exceeding $200 per annum to Cullers employed on 1st May, 1876, and no longer required, or incapacitated by age or infirmity, such annuities to be paid out of any surplus of the Cullers' office, or if there are no such funds, then out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada; and also so to regulate the charges for services in the Cullers' office, as to give average earnings of seven hundred dollars yearly, to each Culler employed.

Mr. *Laflamme*—When the House again resolves itself into Committee of the Whole on Resolutions respecting the Inland Revenue—The following additional Resolution:—*Resolved*, That it is expedient to fix the following as the fees payable by Maltsters for licenses:—

(*a.*) For a first-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 2,000 centals and upwards, of malt during one month's working, $200 (*two hundred dollars.*)

(*b.*) For a second-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 1,500 and not more than 2,000 centals of malt during one month's working, $150 (*one hundred and fifty dollars.*)

(*c.*) For a third-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 1,000 centals and not more than 1,500 centals of malt during one month's working, $100 (*one hundred dollars.*)

(*d.*) For a fourth-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 500 and not more than 1,000 centals of malt during one month's working, $50 (*fifty dollars.*)

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government are prepared to state whether the American Government have appointed their Fishery Commissioner as provided under the Treaty of Washington; and if so, who is he; also whether the British Government have appointed their Commissioner; if so, who is he; also whether the third Commissioner has been selected or appointed and by whom; and if appointed, who is he?

Mr. *Cunningham*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of British Columbia concerning the appointment of a County Court Judge for the District of New Westminster in place of *Arthur T. Bushby* deceased.

No. 24.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of Messrs. *Thomas Robertson* and Company and others; praying that no change may be made in the Tariff as regards Tubes, but that they may be allowed to remain on the Free list with Steel and other articles of a like character.

Of *A. J. McEachen* and others, of Irish Cove, County of Cape Breton; praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 7th instant; Returns shewing in detail the cost of the erection of the Lighthouse at the Harbour of Refuge at Rondeau, under contract awarded by tender; the tender received and from whom; whether the lowest tender was accepted; the amount paid for extras in constructing breakwater on the lake side opposite the Lighthouse and whether such extras were done by tender publicly advertised for; also the name of the contractor for oil supplied to said Lighthouse, the cost per gallon supplied, together with loss involved by the fire which occurred last Fall in said Lighthouse; and the correspondence relating thereto, whether from the Light-house keeper or the Government Inspector.

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 46 to incorporate the Union Cable Company, *with amendments*, and which Bill the Committee have had reprinted, as amended.

Mr. *Young*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

That it appears from the vouchers now before them, large sums of money have from time to time been paid to *T. W. Anglin*, a Member of the House of Commons, for Printing and Stationery, while a Member of that House.

The Committee beg leave to report copies of the said vouchers to The House.

(*For said vouchers, see Appendix to the Journals.*)

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, on Friday next, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Acts for the improvement and management of the Harbour of Quebec, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873," (1) By altering the rates payable on tow boats and steamers plying in or to the Harbour of Quebec, and making better provision for ensuring the payment of the Harbour dues; (2) By empowering the Harbour Commissioners to impose penalties not exceeding $100 or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days for infraction of their by-laws; (3) By enabling the Commissioners in their discretion to fine a pilot not exceeding $100, instead of suspending or dismissing him for certain offences; and (4) By authorizing the Commissioners to substitute rates per ton weight or measurement for those now imposed, or otherwise to commute the same, but not to exceed the amounts now authorized, except with the consent of the Governor in Council.

The House resumed the further adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion for the second reading of Resolution 1, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,—and the motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* in amendment thereto, and which motion was:—"That the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion,"—and of the proposed motion of Mr. *Wood* in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*Resolved*" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That inasmuch as it has been deemed necessary to raise an additional Revenue, it is the opinion of this House that the interests of the Country would be better served by imposing additional duties upon such goods and wares, as may be produced in Canada; thereby affording increased protection, while securing the additional Revenue required."

And the Debate continuing,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

FRIDAY, 16th March, 1877.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, that the Debate be adjourned; which was negatived.

And the question being put on Mr. *Wood's* amendment, in amendment to Sir *John A. Macdonald's* proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Donahue,	McDonald (*Cape-Breton*),	Plumb,
Benoit,	Dugas,	McDougall (*Three-Rivers*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Blanchet,	Farrow,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Robillard,
Bowell,	Ferguson,	Macmillan,	Robinson,
Brooks,	Flesher,	McCallum,	Robitaille,
Brown,	Fraser,	McGreevy,	Rochester,
Cameron,	Gaudet,	McQuade,	Rouleau,
Campbell,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Masson,	Roy,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Mitchell,	Schultz,
Cimon,	Gill,	Moffat,	Stephenson,
Colby,	Haggart,	Monteith,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Costigan,	Harwood,	Montplaisir,	Tupper,
Currier,	Hurteau,	Mousseau,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Cuthbert,	Irving,	Norris,	White (*Hastings*),
Daoust,	Jetté,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
DeCosmos,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Ouimet,	Wood,
Desjardins,	Kirkpatrick,	Palmer,	Workman,
Devlin,	Lanthier,	Pinsonneault,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Dewdney,	Little,	Platt,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—78.
Domville,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Christie,	Holton,	Pickard,
Archibald,	Church,	Horton,	Pope (*Queens P.E.I.*),
Aylmer,	Cockburn,	Huntington,	Pouliot,
Bain,	Coffin,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Power,

Barthe,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Biggar,
Blackburn,
Blain,
Blake,
Bolduc,
Borden,
Borron,
Bourassa,
Bowman,
Buell,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Coupal,
Cunningham,
Davies,
Dawson,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Geoffrion,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Richard,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Thomson (*Welland*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Yeo,
Young.—109.

And the question being put on Sir *John A. Macdonald's* proposed amendment;

Mr. *Orton* moved in amendment that all the words after "*Resolved*" in the said amendment be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That this House expresses its regret that the Government have not seen fit, with a due regard to all other industries so to arrange the Customs Tariff, as to relieve the farmers of Canada from the unjust effects of the one-sided and unfair Tariff relations, which exist between Canada and the United States, in reference to the interchange of agricultural products; and at the same time place this Country in a better position to negotiate a fair and just reciprocity in the interchange of such products between Canada and the United States;"

And a Debate arising thereon;

Mr. *Borron* moved, that the Debate be adjourned; which was negatived on the following Division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,
Benoit,
Bernier,
Blanchet,
Borron,
Bowell,
Brooks,
Bunster,
Cameron,
Campbell,
Caron,
Cimon,
Colby,
Costigan,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
Davies,
DeCosmos,
Desjardins,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Donahue,
Dugas,
Farrow,
Ferguson,
Flesher,
Fraser,
Gaudet,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*)
Gill,
Haggart,
Harwood,
Hurteau,
Jones (*Leeds*),
Kirkpatrick,
Lanthier,
Little,
Macdonald (*Kingston*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
McGreevy,
McQuade,
Masson,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Montplaisir,
Mousseau,
Orton,
Ouimet,
Palmer,
Pinsonneault,
Platt,
Plumb,
Pope (*Compton*),
Pope *Queens* (*P.E.I.*),
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Rochester,
Rouleau,
Roy,
Schultz,
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Stephenson,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Tupper,
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Hastings*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wright (*Ottawa*),
Wright (*Pontiac*),—75.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,
Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bain,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Coupal,
Horton,
Huntington,
Irving,
Jetté,
Pickard,
Pouliot,
Power,
Richard,

Barthe,	Cunningham,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Robillard,
Béchard,	Currier,	Kerr,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bertram,	Dawson,	Killam,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Biggar,	Delorme,	Kirk,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Blackburn,	De St. Georges,	Laflamme,	Ryan,
Blain	DeVeber,	Lajoie,	Scatcherd,
Blake,	Devlin,	Landerkin,	Scriver,
Bolduc,	Dymond,	Laurier,	Shibley,
Borden,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Sinclair,
Bourassa,	Fiset,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Bowman,	Fleming,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Brouse,	Flynn,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Snider,
Buell,	Fréchette,	Mackenzie,	St. Jean,
Burk,	Galbraith,	McCraney,	Taschereau,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Geoffrion,	McIntyre,	Thibaudeau,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibson,	McIsaac,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Carmichael,	Gillies,	McNab,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Cartwright,	Gillmor,	Metcalfe,	Trow,
Casey,	Goudge,	Mills,	Vail,
Casgrain,	Guthrie,	Norris,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cauchon,	Hagar,	Oliver,	Wood,
Charlton,	Hall,	Paterson,	Workman,
Cheval,	Higinbotham,	Perry,	Yeo,
Christie,	Holton,	Pettes,	Young.—112.

And the Debate continuing;

On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, The House adjourned at 20 minutes to 5 o'clock A. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Barthe*—On Tuesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all the Reports which the Royal Canadian Insurance Company may have made with copies of any order requiring the said Company to make such Reports; the whole in conformity with 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 99, Section 16,—and 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48. Also copies of all Reports respecting the business carried on by the said Royal Canadian Insurance Company in the United States of America; the whole in conformity with 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48, of the Acts of the Parliament of Canada, and the forms B. and C. of the said Acts.

Mr. *Caron*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of correspondence between the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade and the Dominion Government relating to the rule in existence in regard to underpaid letters.

Mr. *Daoust*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—Copies of correspondence had in 1875, between the Government and Mr. *B. J. Bertrand* and other persons of the Parish of St. Placide, in the County of Two Mountains, and of all documents sent to the Department of Public Works, during that year, in relation to certain works to be done on the Ottawa River, near the Wharf built opposite the said village of St. Placide.

Mr. *Daoust*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all documents and correspondence in relation to the appointment of a new Postmaster for the Parish of St. Augustin, County of Two Mountains, and to the change in the location of the Post-office of the said Parish, during the year 1875.

Mr. *Perry*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for papers shewing what amount has been paid by the Dominion Government for the purchase of lands in the Province of Prince Edward Island, up to date, in accordance with Terms of Union.

Mr. *Smith* (Selkirk)—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Report of Engineers and all other correspondence and information in the possession of the Government not yet communicated to the House having reference to any actual surveys or proposed survey in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Red River westward, south of Lake Manitoba.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Monday next—That in the opinion of this House a Prohibitory Liquor Law is the only effectual remedy for the evil of Intemperance, and that it is the duty of the Government to submit such a measure for the approval of Parliament at the earliest moment practicable.

No. 25.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1877.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *Edouard Turgeon*, Mayor, and others, of St. Charles, County of Bellechasse; praying for the repeal or amendment of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Of *J. Pritchard* and others, of the Parish of St. Paul's, County of Lisgar; and of *John Black* and others, of the United Municipality of Kildonan and St. John, Province of Manitoba; severally praying that the Temperance Act of 1864, known as the Dunkin Act, may be extended to the Province of Manitoba.

Of *G. Webber*, President, and *William Jolliffe*, Secretary, of the Bible Christian Conference, praying for the passing of an Act prohibiting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

Of *Pierre Curodeau* and others, Pilots and Members of the Corporation of Pilots for and below the Harbour of Quebec; praying that the Resolution in the Votes and Proceedings of the House, of the 2nd March instant, proposing certain amendments to the Acts relating to said Corporation, may not be adopted.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Return to Address of the 15th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments not already laid before The House, concerning the mode of exercising the power of disallowance of Provincial Acts.

Also,—in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 29th March, 1876; Supplementary Return for copies of the correspondence between the Government and the Censitaires of the Seigniory Nicolas Rioux, in the County of Rimouski, in the matter of the tax which they pay to the Seigniors, instead of Statute days' labor (les journées de Corvée.)

And,—Annual Return under the Act 31 *Victoria*, chapter 73, section 6, shewing the average number of the Dominion Police employed during each month of the year, ended 31st December, 1876; the cost of pay, and of travelling expenses, expended in respect thereof.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 50 to amend the Act respecting the salaries of certain Judges, *without amendment*.

Mr. *Laflamme* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 12th instant; Return for copies of all instructions, issued from the Inland Revenue Department to its Officers throughout the Dominion, both by letter and telegraph, as to what time the additional duty on malt was to take effect.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 36, to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting Insurance, *with amendments.*

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee carefully considered the following documents and recommend that they *be printed, viz :*—

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence between the Government of New Brunswick and the Dominion Government as to obtaining the opinion of the Supreme Court on the powers of the Provincial Legislature granting or withholding licenses to sell intoxicating liquors.

Return to Address (Senate), shewing the use which has been made during the year 1876, of any portion of the steel rails purchased by Government in 1874 and 1875.

Return to Order,—Amounts paid in connection with the purchase of 50,000 tons of steel rails, &c., for the Pacific Railway, with dates of payments, &c.

Return to Address,—Orders in Council, &c., relating to the construction of the Fort Francis Locks or Canal, &c. (*In a condensed form.*)

Report of Special Committee appointed to enquire into the Administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec. (*For distribution only.*)

The Committee recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz :*—

Return to Order,—Statement shewing the monthly sales of season or commutation tickets at each station of the Intercolonial Railway, &c.

Return to Order, shewing all claims made against the Intercolonial Railway for damages, &c., sustained by private individuals resulting from working the Railway in 1876, &c.

Return to Order,—Statement of accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway, in the County of Northumberland, and the number of cattle which have been killed, &c., &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence between the workmen on Section 8 of the Intercolonial Railway, in relation to the non-payment of their wages for work done under the direction of *John O'Donnell*, Agent of *Duncan McDonald*, Contractor, &c.

Copies of such *General Rules* and *Orders* as have been made by the Judges of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts since last Session, &c.

Agreement between the *Water Commissioners* of the *City of Ottawa* and Her Majesty *Queen Victoria*, represented by the Minister of Public Works of Canada, to supply water to Public Buildings, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Statement shewing cost of construction of Pacific Telegraph, &c.

Supplementary Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the improvement of the Harbour at the mouth of Partridge Island River.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion and Imperial Governments relating to the appointment of Senators for the Dominion.

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence relative to the appointing last year of *Joseph Creighton*, Shipping Officer for the Port of Lunenburg, N.S.

Return to Order, shewing the names of all veterans who have proved their right to partake in the Grant of $50,000 voted last Session in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and 1815, &c.

Return to Address (Senate), shewing the number of tons of freight carried over the Government Railways in the Maritime Provinces in the quarter ending 31st December, 1875, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence, &c., in relation to the enlargement of St. Peter's Canal, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Return to Address (Senate),—Statement shewing the amount of Dominion Notes redeemed in gold from the 1st September, 1874, to 31st December, 1875, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Contracts for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails from Sydney to Cow Bay, Little and Big Glace Bays and Bridgeport, in the County of Cape Breton, &c.

Return to Order, giving the names of all the Deputy Adjutant Generals and Brigade Majors on the staff of the Volunteer Militia Force of Canada, on the 1st January, 1876, where stationed, &c.

Return to Order, shewing each sum of money paid *F. J. Bernard*, Esquire, Contractor for the Telegraph Line in British Columbia, since 10th February, 1875, &c.

Return to Order,—Engineer's Report of the Survey of Eagle Harbor, in the County of Elgin, to decide as to its suitableness as a Harbor of Refuge, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence, &c., in relation to the contract for the carrying the mail between Scott's Junction, in the County of Beauce, and Parish of St. Bernard, in the County of Dorchester.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Imperial, Dominion and Provincial Government of Nova Scotia relating to the Great Seal of the Province that has been affixed to all documents requiring the same since Confederation.

Return to Order,—Correspondence between *Sarah Graham*, Widow, and the Government, for aid in consequence of the reduction of salary and subsequent death of the late *William Graham*, at that time a Messenger of the House.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 7th instant; Returns of the accounts of Dominion Notes of the denominations of one and two dollars (payable in Victoria) which have been forwarded by Government to the Assistant Receiver General for the Province of British Columbia, during each year, since the admission of that Province into the Dominion; together with the amounts of such notes returned for cancellation during each year therein mentioned.

On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolution:—*Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 34, respecting the culling and measuring of timber, by repealing the twelfth section thereof, and by authorizing the Governor in Council to fix the number of Cullers to be employed in each Department of the Supervisor's office, the number in the square timber Department not to exceed eighteen; and to grant annuities not exceeding $200 per annum to Cullers employed on 1st May, 1876, and no longer required, or incapacitated by age or infirmity, such annuities to be paid out of any surplus of the Cullers' office, or if there are no such funds, then out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada; and also so to regulate the charges for services in the Cullers' office, as to give average earnings of seven hundred dollars yearly, to each Culler employed.

The Bill No. 65, to make provision for the extradition of fugitive Criminals, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. *Archibald*, a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, requesting their Honors will give leave to the Hon. Mr. *Macpherson*, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee appointed to enquire into, and report upon the allegations in the Report and evidence of the Commission on the Northern Railway Company, as to the application of moneys payable to the Government; and also to make a searching enquiry into the accounts of the Northern Railway, and Northern Extension Railway, so as to complete the enquiry begun and left unfinished by the Commission.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the Inspection of Steamboats.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Acts respecting the Inspection of Steamboats---31 *Victoria*, Chapter 65,---32, 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 39---and 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 30 by diminishing, in certain cases, the number of boats, life-preservers, fire buckets, &c., which steamboats are bound to carry under the said Acts and to relieve them from certain other obligations now imposed on them; and also to substitute for the yearly rate or duty now imposed on them for the Inspection Fund an Inspection fee of eight dollars for each inspection made imperative by the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 65, on passenger steamboats exceeding one hundred tons burthen and of five dollars for each such inspection on all passenger steamboats of one hundred tons or less, and on all other steamboats.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) then introduced a Bill No. 83, to amend the Acts relating to the Inspection of Steamboats; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Tuesday next*.

The House went again into Committee of Supply; and after some time spent therein, and progress having been made, the Committee rose, and obtained leave to sit again, *this day*.

A Message was received from the Senate, acquainting this House, that they have substituted the Hon. Mr. *Botsford* for the Hon. Mr. *Allan*, as a Member of the Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, as far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of that House, as a Member of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library of Parliament.

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*

No. 18. To make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith; and

No. 55. To make provision for improvement in Prison Discipline.

Also, with the following Bills of their own, to which the concurrence of this House was desired, *viz*:—

No. 84, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*."

No. 85, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*."

Also,—communicating the evidence taken before the Select Committee, to whom were referred the said last mentioned Bills, and the exemplifications and papers referred to them, with the request that the said exemplification and papers be returned to that House.

Mr. *Trow* moved, that the Bill No. 85 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*," be now read the first time; which was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Christie,	Kirk,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bain,	Church,	Little,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bertram,	Cockburn,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Biggar,	Davies,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Schultz,
Blain,	DeCosmos,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Scriver,
Blake,	DeVeber,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Borden,	Domville,	McCallum,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Borron,	Dymond,	McQuade,	Snider,
Bowell,	Farrow,	Metcalfe,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Bowman,	Ferris,	Mills,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Buell,	Fleming,	Mitchell,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Burk,	Flesher,	Monteith,	Trow,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Forbes,	Norris,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Oliver,	White (*Hastings*),
Cameron,	Gillmor,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
Carmichael,	Guthrie,	Pettes,	Workman,
Cartwright,	Hall,	Plumb,	Yeo,
Casey,	Higinbotham,	Robinson,	Young.—74.
Charlton,	Kerr,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Barthe,	Costigan,	Holton,	McIsaac,
Béchard,	Coupal,	Hurteau,	Masson,
Bernier,	Currier,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Blanchet,	Desjardins,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Robillard,
Bolduc,	Devlin,	Lajoie,	Robitaille,
Bourassa,	Flynn,	Lanthier,	Rouleau,
Campbell,	Fréchette,	Laurier,	Short,
Caron,	Geoffrion,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Taschereau,
Casgrain,	Gill,	McGreevy,	Wright (*Ottawa*).—37.
Cimon,			

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Trow*, the said Bill and the evidence and papers accompanying the same, was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs, *Trow*, *Macdougall* (Elgin), *Oliver*, *Kerr*, *Brooks*, *Gibbs* (South Ontario), *Young*, *Kirkpatrick* and *Mitchell*.

Mr. *Mills* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 12th instant, Return for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the *Tobique* Indians, or any person on their behalf, relating to the appointment of a resident Agent at that place.

7:30 P. M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz*:—

No. 52. Further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

No. 57. To authorize "The Royal Canadian Insurance Company," to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes.

No. 46. To incorporate the Union Cable Company.

The Bill No. 34 to amend the Act to incorporate "The Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company," was considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported.—Third reading *on Monday next.*

The Bill No. 72 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate The *Globe* Printing Company," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

(*The Committee of Supply resumed.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

IX.—IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

Salaries of Immigration Agents and Employés		26,550 00
Salaries of Immigration Travelling Agents		13,000 00
Medical inspection of the Port of Quebec		2,600 00
Quarantine, Grosse Isle		12,000 00
do	St. John	3,000 00
do	Pictou, N.S.	800 00
do	Halifax N.S.	3,600 00
do	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1,000 00
To meet expenses of further precautionary measures for the Public Health		20,000 00
Contingencies of Canadian and other regular agencies		24,000 00
Traveling expenses of Travelling Agents		14,000 00

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, *on Monday next.*

The House then adjourned at 11.25 P.M., *until Monday next.*

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Domville*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for all papers, reports and correspondence in connection with the dismissal of *J. Murray Nase*, Postmaster, at the mouth of the Neripis, King's Co., N.B.,—also for the petition from the inhabitants in the District in respect to the same.

Mr. *Domville*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—The names of those parties who purchased old rails or other old materials from the Intercolonial and who were owing for the same on the 30th June, 1876, also value, quantity and description.

Mr. *Rouleau*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to issue orders that the mail despatched from Quebec for St. Isidore, County of Dorchester, be left at St. Henri, County of Levis, to be from thence forwarded to the said parish of St. Isidore.

Mr. *Gill*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return indicating the names and date of appointment of Harbour Masters at Sorel, St. Johns, Three Rivers and Lachine, in the Province of Quebec, and also giving a detailed account of all fees collected by said Harbour Masters since the 15th of April, 1875, up to this date, under the authority of 38 *Vict.*, C. 30, amending 37 *Vict.*, C. 34, together with the names of the ships on which such fees have been levied, in each year, and the names of the masters of those ships.

Mr. *Mills*—On Tuesday next—BILL intituled: "An Act respecting the Boundaries of the Province of Manitoba."

Mr. *Rochester*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a monthly return of the malt taken out of bond each month from 1st July, 1876, to 28th February, 1877.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of *Arthabaska*, *Quebec*, and *Richelieu*, for the year 1876.

Thirteen Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *Pierre Boutin* and others, of St. Raphaël, and of *Damase Turgeon*, Mayor, and others, of St. Etienne de Beaumont, County of Bellechasse; severally praying for the repeal or amendment of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Of *Jean Gobeil* and others; of *F. Joseph Pouliot* and others, and of *Jean A. Lapointe* and others, Pilots and Members of the Corporation of Pilots for and below the Harbor of Quebec; severally praying that the Resolution in the Votes and Proceedings of the House, of the 2nd March instant, proposing certain amendments to the Acts relating to said Corporation, may not be adopted.

Of *R. M. Rolph* and others, Ex-Staff Sergeants of the Provisional Battalion of Infantry at Fort Osborne, Manitoba; setting forth certain grievances, and praying that the House will take the facts into their favorable consideration, and deal therewith in conformity with law and justice.

Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 42, to authorize the Town of Kincardine, in the County of Bruce, to impose and collect certain Tolls at the Harbor in the said Town, *without amendment*. The Committee also recommend that the Fee and other charges paid on this Bill, be refunded; as the works already made, and proposed to be made, will be a great public benefit to the locality.

And the following Bills, *with amendments*, *viz* :—

No. 72, from the Senate, intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating "The Globe Printing Company.

And No. 22, to incorporate "The Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry."

On motion of Mr. *Gillies*, the Fees and other payments paid on the foregoing Bill No. 42, were ordered to be refunded.

Mr. *Huntington* presented, Return to Address of the 7th instant; for copies of all papers or correspondence, if any, in regard to placing the Dominion of Canada in as favourable a position as any Foreign Country, under the provisions of the Postal Union made at "Berne" on the 9th October, 1874.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 1st instant; a Return showing all amounts carried over by Orders in Council, at the end of the financial year, under the authority of Chapter 2 of the Act of last Session; with copies of the Orders in Council, and a Statement of the amounts of such lapsed balances remaining unexpended at the end of three months from that date; together with a Statement of all amounts carried forward by Orders in Council, from 1st July, 1867, shewing the sums actually expended in each case, and the Parliamentary authority sanctioning the same.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 1st instant; for a Return showing the total amount of cost of the Steamer "*Northern Light*;" also an account of any and all expenditure in connection with the said Steamer, down to the 31st January, last.

Also,—Return to Address of the 15th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada and Her Majesty's Government in relation to Legislation affecting Merchant Shipping;—

Also copies of instructions given to Mr. *William Smith*, Deputy of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on his recent mission to England in connection with the above subject; together with all correspondence relating thereto, had between the said Deputy and Her Majesty's Government, or any of the officials thereof;—

Also all correspondence had in relation to such mission between the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the said Deputy with the Report of the said Deputy, in relation to such mission.

Also,—Return to Address of the 7th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada the Imperial Government and any other Governments or persons on the subject of the duty imposed on Canadian ships sold in France; also copies of such portions of recent Commercial Treaties between the United Kingdom and France, as permit the sale in France of ships registered in the United Kingdom on more favorable terms, than ships registered in Canada.

And,—Return to Address of the 2nd March, 1876; for a statement shewing what steps have been taken by the Government, touching the opening up of steam communication in the winter season, between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, in accordance with the terms of Union between Prince Edward Island, and the Dominion of Canada; also all correspondence, copies of contracts with different parties, with the view of effecting the same.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that the Bill No. 84 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*," be now read the first time; which was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Davies,	Killam,	Pettes,
Archibald,	Dawson,	Kirk,	Platt,
Bain,	DeCosmos,	Kirkpatrick,	Plumb,
Bertram,	DeVeber,	Little,	Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),
Blackburn,	Dewdney,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Robinson,
Blain,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Rochester,
Blake,	Farrow,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Roscoe,
Borden,	Ferris,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bowman,	Fleming,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Schultz,
Brouse,	Flesher,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Scriver,
Burk,	Forbes,	McCarthy,	Sinclair,
Burpee (*St, John*),	Galbraith,	McCraney,	Smith (*Peel*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McLeod,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Cameron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*)	McNab,	Snider,
Campbell,	Gibson,	McQuade,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Carmichael,	Gillies,	Mills,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Cartwright,	Gillmor,	Mitchell,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Charlton,	Goudge,	Moffat,	Trow,
Christie,	Guthrie,	Monteith,	Vail,
Church,	Hagar,	Norris,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cockburn,	Haggart,	Oliver,	White (*Renfrew*),
Coffin,	Higinbotham,	Palmer,	Wood,
Cunningham,	Kerr,	Paterson,	Workman.—92.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Bannatyne,	Colby,	Irving,	Pope (*Compton*),
Benoit,	Coupal,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Pouliot,
Bernier,	Currier,	Lajoie,	Power,

Blanchet,	Daoust,	Lanthier,	Robillard,
Bolduc,	Desjardins,	Laurier,	Rouleau,
Bourassa,	De St. Georges,	Macdonald (*Cornwall,*)	Short,
Brooks,	Devlin,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	St. Jean,
Caron,	Fiset,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Taschereau,
Casgrain,	Flynn,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Thibaudeau,
Cauchon,	Fréchette,	McIntyre,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Cheval,	Gaudet,	McIsaac,	Wright (*Pontiac*),—47.
Cimon,	Hurteau,	Perry,	

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that the said Bill, and the evidence and papers accompanying the same, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *McCarthy, Cameron, Robinson, Trow, Young, Oliver, Kerr, McDougall* (Renfrew), and *Kirkpatrick;* which was agreed to on the same division; *and* the Select Committee appointed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Sixth Report of the Joint Committees of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, was concurred in.

The Bill No. 34 to amend the Act to incorporate the "Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company," was read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 26 to vest the property and powers of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company, in *Joseph Harris McClellan*, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported; and on motion of Mr. *Gibbs* (South Ontario), referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 12 to grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited), being read;

Mr. *Blake* moved, that the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines; which was agreed to, and the Bill accordingly referred back to the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Laurier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all Orders in Council and of all correspondence which has taken place, since last Session, between the Federal and the Quebec Governments, concerning the Judicial Staff of the District of Montreal.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer for plans of Contract for building Ingonish Harbor (being part of Contract); also report of Engineer agreeing to curtailment of said original plans and specification, and the correspondence on that subject, how much has been paid for the Contract, and how much for Extras, and how much is claimed for Extras. How many feet does the finished work extend seaward that the original Contract and plans contemplated. How much has been paid to Superintendent *McLeod* for superintending said work.

On motion of Mr. *Fiset*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, on the subject of the arrangements effected with the latter permitting the carriages of the Intercolonial Railway Company to run over that section of their Railway between Rivière-du-Loup and Point Levis.

On motion of Mr. *Costigan* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return of copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government, regarding the dismissal of the Postmaster of *Upper St. Francis*, in the County of *Madawaska*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*.

Mr. *Devlin* moved, that a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed, to enquire into, and report on the practical working of the plan under which the people are now represented in Parliament; and of the systems which have of late years been adopted in other countries, with a view to remedy some of the alleged defects of the existing plan; which was agreed to, on a division;

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 17 to extend the provisions of Section 56 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled "An Act relating to Banks and Banking," to the Bank of British North America, *without amendment*.

Also,—giving leave to the Ho. Mr. *Macpherson*, one of its Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations in the Report and Evidence of the Commission of the Northern Railway Company, as to the application of moneys payable to the Government; and also to make a searching inquiry into the accounts of the Northern Railway and Northern Extension Railway, so as to complete the inquiry begun and left unfinished by the said Commission, if he thinks fit.

On motion of Mr. *Young*, the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts obtained leave to employ a short-hand writer, to take evidence.

On motion of Mr. *Devlin*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence between the Government or any of its Departments and the Emigration Agents stationed in Ireland respecting the sending out of emigrants from that country to Canada and the manner and under what circumstances pecuniary assistance could be given and to what extent and whether by all the Agents or only one of them; also for copies of the instructions given to said Agents as to the discharge of their duties and the places fixed for their Headquarters, also all correspondence had with the Agency in London respecting the sending out of Irish emigrants to Canada, and all correspondence regarding the removal of the Agent who was stationed in Manchester to Belfast, and regarding the removal of the Agent who was stationed in Cork to London, and regarding the powers conferred upon the Agent stationed in Ulster.

Mr. *Blain* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for Returns shewing the increased quantities between 12 and 14 feet depth of water in the Welland Canal, and also the St. Lawrence Canals and Rivers, in the following materials, namely,

Masonry,
Dredging,
Earth Excavations,
Rock Cutting { 1 above water,
2 below water,
Timber,
Plank;

Also the Prices upon which the Calculations in the Engineers Reports are based;

Also, the soundings of the River and Lakes which have been made for the purpose of obtaining 14 feet of water.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Brouse*, adjourned.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency; for copies of all the papers, connected with the enquiries sent to the Admiralty in England, and the answers thereto, respecting the Harbors of British Columbia be laid before this House.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *DeCosmos*, an Address was voted to His Excellency; for copies of all Correspondence by telegraph or otherwise respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimault since July 1874 be laid before this House.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency; for a copy of all of the correspondence between Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Dominion Government since 1871, respecting Imperial Financial assistance in aid of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway be laid before the House.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency, for a copy of all despatches sent since 1876, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and especially a copy of all the despatches on which Lord Carnarvon's despatch of December 18th, 1876, is founded, be laid before the House.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Blake*, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. *Burk*, it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return, shewing the title held by the Government to the land and other property connected with the Fish-breeding establishment at Newcastle, Ontario, with quantity of land so held; also the actual amount expended on buildings or other permanent improvements on said lands.

On motion of Mr. *Palmer*, it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a statement shewing the sums of money paid *C. J. Brydges* for the year ending 30th June, 1876, showing salary whilst Intercolonial Railway was under construction,—and salary for management, also expenses of his office at Montreal, Ottawa and Moncton and amount of his travelling expenses for the same period.

On motion of Mr. *Gibbs* (South Ontario), it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all correspondence relating to the superannuation of *Wm. Warren*, Esq., late Collector of Customs for the Port of Whitby, Ontario; also copies of Petitions, Inspectors' Reports, and Minute of Treasury Board, shewing date of such superannuation.

On motion of Mr. *Blanchet* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Statement shewing the expenditure incurred by the Post Office Department for carrying the mails below Quebec, during the whole time when the Grand Trunk was stopped by snow, during the winters of 1874, 1875 and 1876, with the names of the persons employed carrying the said Mails, the distance travelled, the number of trips made, and the amount received by each of them.

The House then adjourned at 11 o'clock P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to amend the Post Office Act of 1875."

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—That it is expedient to make provision for the payment of the cost of transport of the Active Militia when called out in aid of the civil power, and also to provide that the reasonable cost of calling out the Active Militia in certain cases in aid of the civil power may be in whole or part reimbursed out of monies to be provided by Parliament.

Mr. *Goudge*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether in the matter of the transference about to be made of the Windsor Branch Government Railway, to the Western Counties Railway of Nova Scotia, it is provided that the Tariff of Rates both for passengers and freight upon this branch shall not exceed those charged for like goods aud distances upon the Intercolonial Railway?

Also whether the privileges of ships and shippers doing business at the Railway wharf shall be as heretofore?

Mr. *Perry*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copy of Survey, Plan, Estimate and Report on the improvement of Cascumpec Harbour, Prince Edward Island, made by *Henry F. Perly*, Esquire, C.E., in the year 1874.

Mr. *Gill*—On Wednesday next—BILL intituled "An Act to regulate the floating of cordwood on the River St. Francis.

Mr. *Cimon*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to build a Lighthouse at *L'Anse St. Jean*, on the River Saguenay, in order to guide vessels entering *L'Anse St. Jean?*

Mr. *Cimon*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to repeal the regulations which prohibit within the Counties of Chicoutimi, Saguenay and Charlevoix, fishing in the Lakes before the first of February?

Mr. *Cimon*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to build new Lighthouses on the North shore of the St. Lawrence between the Seven Islands as far as the Straits of Belleisle; with the view of rendering navigation safer?

Mr. *Cimon*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to put in the Supplementary Estimates a sum of $1,000, for the construction of a wharf at *L'Anse St. Jean*, on the River Saguenay?

Mr. *Pouliot*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for 1st A statement of debentures issued by the Government of Canada for the purchase of a building for the Court-house and Gaol of the District of Kamouraska and for the rebuilding thereof after the fire;

2nd. A statement of the cost of the said building, of the rebuilding thereof and of the maintenance thereof since;

3rd. A Statement of the amounts levied by taxes imposed on said district for the building and prison fund, up to the 30th June last.

4th. A Statement of the amounts paid on the said debentures and interest, shewing the amount, if any, remaining due on the said debentures, and if there be nothing, then how much has been collected over and above the amount of the said debentures and interest.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Trow*, from the Select Committee on the Bill No. 85 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*," presented the following Report:—

The Committee have considered the said Bill, and also the exemplifications of the Judgment of His Honor, the Judge of the County Court, of the County of Ontario, in the case of *The Queen vs. Bates*; together with the depositions taken before a Committee of the Senate, to whom the said Bill was referred, and have agreed to report the Bill, *without amendment*.

Mr. *St Jean* moved, that the Return from the Militia Department, showing the names of all Veterans, who have proved their right to partake in the grant of $50,000, voted last Session, in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and 1815, be printed for distribution for the use of Members, as it completes the Return, for 1876.

The said motion was then submitted to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, in pursuance of Rule 94.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution in relation to the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873."

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Acts for the improvement and management of the Harbour of Quebec, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873," (1) By altering the rates payable on tow boats and steamers plying in or to the Harbour of Quebec, and making better provision for ensuring the payment of the Harbour dues; (2) By empowering the Harbour Commissioners to impose penalties not exceeding $100 or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days for infraction of their by-laws; (3) By enabling the Commissioners

in their discretion to fine a pilot not exceeding $100, instead of suspending or dismissing him for certain offences; and (4) By authorizing the Commissioners to substitute rates per ton weight or measurement for those now imposed, or otherwise to commute the same, but not to exceed the amounts now authorized except with the consent of the Governor in Council.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Blake* presented, in obedience to the Order of The House, on the 19th instant; Return for plans of Contract for building Ingonish Harbor (being part of Contract); also report of Engineer agreeing to curtailment of said original plans and specification, and the correspondence on that subject, how much has been paid for the Contract, and how much for Extras, and how much is claimed for Extras. How many feet does the finished work extend seaward that the original Contract and plans contemplated. How much has been paid to Superintendent *McLeod* for superintending said work.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz:*—

No. 75. To extend the Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs, to the Provinces of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

No. 76. To amend the Railway Act of 1868.

No. 77. To provide for the safe custody of Prisoners, in places where the Common Gaols become temporarily insecure.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*, *viz:*—

No. 78. To amend the Law respecting Appeals from convictions before or Orders by Justices of the Peace.

No. 79. To make provision against the improper use of fire-arms.

No. 80. To amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain proposed Resolutions, respecting the Inland Revenue, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the "Act respecting the Inland Revenue" and to provide for the imposition of a license duty of thirty dollars on each importer or manufacturer (not a manufacturer of beer, wash or spirits, or a rectifier of spirits) of stills, worms, or other apparatus suitable for the manufacture of beer, wash or spirits.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to fix the following as the fees payable by Maltsters for licenses :—

(*a.*) For a first-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 2,000 centals and upwards, of malt during one month's working, $200 (*two hundred dollars.*)

(*b.*) For a second-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 1,500 and not more than 2,000 centals of malt during one month's working, $150 (*one hundred and fifty dollars.*)

(*c.*) For a third-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 1,000 centals and not more than 1,500 centals of malt during one month's working, $100 (*one hundred dollars.*)

(*d.*) For a fourth-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 500 and not more than 1,000 centals of malt during one month's working, $50 (*fifty dollars.*)

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received, *to morrow*.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, to impose License dues on compounders of Spirits, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the "Act to impose License dues on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the "Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs" by adding the following words to the definition of *adulterated Food or Drink*, contained in the first section of the said Act.

"Or from which any essential constituent part or ingredient has been in whole or in part abstracted."

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 86 to amend "An Act to impose License dues on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of food, drink, and drugs," which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain proposed Resolutions, respecting the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act to provide for the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters by repealing the 25th Section thereof and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—

"25. It shall be lawful for the Inspector appointed under this Act, at the request of any purchaser or undertaker, who shall give twenty-four hours notice, in writing, to the other party to the contract, at all reasonable times to enter any house or shop, store, yard, or other place whatsoever within his District, where any Meter, stamped or unstamped, is fixed or used, and to remove such Meter, doing as little damage thereby as may be; and if, upon examination and testing, it shall appear that any such Meter is incorrect or fraudulent, such Meter shall not be re-fixed or used again, unless and until altered and repaired so as to measure and register correctly, and stamped."

"2. And the cost of such removal, alteration, repairs and stamping shall be paid by, and may be recovered from the party against whom the decision is given."

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient further to amend the said Act by adding the following sub-section at the end of section thirty-one:

"2. Such tests shall be made at least once in each week, and in addition to such weekly tests, additional tests may be made when the quantity of gas made by any undertaker may be deemed sufficiently large to render such additional tests necessary; such necessity being determined by departmental regulations or order in that behalf."

3. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient further to amend the said Act by adding the following sub-sections at the end of section thirty-five:—

"2. The fees so determined as payable for testing the illuminating power and purty of gas, when such tests are made in pursuance of any general regulations in that behalf, shall be paid by the undertaker."

"3. When any purchaser requires to have a special test made as to the illuminating power or purity of gas, the fees chargeable for such test shall be paid by the party who requires it to be made."

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Blake* moved, that the Bill No 66 to repeal certain Laws, making breaches of contracts of service criminal, and to provide for the punishment of certain breaches of contract, be now read the second time.

Mr. *Irving* moved, that the Bill be not now read the second time, but that it be read a second time, this day three months; which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Ferguson,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Plumb,
Benoit,	Fraser,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Blain,	Gaudet,	Macmillan,	Robinson,
Blanchet,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McCallum,	Robitaille,
Cameron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*)	McCarthy,	Rochester,
Campbell,	Gill,	McQuade,	Rouleau,
Caron,	Haggart,	Masson,	Stephenson,
Cimon,	Hurteau,	Monteith,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Cuthbert,	Irving,	Montplaisir,	Tupper,
Daoust,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Mousseau,	White (*Hastings*),
Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Pinsonneault,	Wood.—46.
Domville,	Little,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Hall,	Paterson,
Archibald,	Cockburn,	Higinbotham,	Perry,
Aylmer,	Coffin,	Holton,	Pickard,
Bain,	Colby,	Huntington,	Platt,
Bannatyne,	Cook,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Pouliot,
Barthe,	Costigan,	Kerr,	Richard,

Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Biggar,
Blackburn,
Blake,
Bolduc,
Borron,
Bourassa,
Bowell,
Bowman,
Boyer,
Brooks,
Brouse,
Buell,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Christie,
Coupal,
Cunningham,
Currier,
Davies,
Dawson,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
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MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
McCraney,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Norris,
Oliver,
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Scatcherd,
Schultz,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Short,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Workman,
Wright (*Ottawa*),
Yeo.—125.

The Bill was then read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*.

The House then adjourned at 12.10 A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Return of all Petitions, papers and correspondence had with the Government or any of the Departments by or from the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, in the Province of New Brunswick, in relation to the necessity of a Breakwater for the protection of Fishermen at the Easterly side of Point Escuminac.

Mr. *DeCosmos*—On Thursday next—That it is desirable to establish Life-saving Stations on the West coast of Vancouver Island, on Queen Charlotte's Islands and on the main land of British Columbia, north of Fort Rupert, to succor shipwrecked mariners and to protect their lives against the murderous attacks of Savage tribes of Indians.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Have any negotiations been opened with the United States since the last Session of Parliament with the object of extending the 21st Article of the Treaty of Washington of 1871 to British Columbia; if not, is it the intention of the Government to urge Her Majesty's Imperial Government to do so?

Mr. *Irving*—On motion for concurrence in the Report of the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE; on Bill No. 66. an Act to repeal certain laws making breaches of contract of service criminal and to provide for the punishment of certain breaches of contract. That the said report be not concurred in, but that it be referred back to the Committee with instructions to amend the said Bill by adding after the third sub-section of the second section, the following words as a fourth sub-section, viz:—

(4.) A Contract of Service under this Act shall be an agreement in writing whereby the employer and workman shall become mutually bound thereby upon the employer or his agent giving to the workman and the workman accepting a copy of the agreement either in printing or in writing or partly printed and partly written, and in addition to any other matters which may be mutually agreed upon and contained therein shall either designate some Board, Council, persons or person as arbitrators, or arbitrator, or define the time and manner of appointment of arbitrators or of an arbitrator before whom any dispute between an employer and a workman arising out of or incidental to their relation as such under the said agreement may be heard and determined and shall designate, by name or by description of office or otherwise, some person to be, or some person or persons (other than the arbitrators or arbitrator) to appoint an umpire in case of disagreement between arbitrators, and shall further contain provisions for effectually securing the performance and enforcement of any award which shall be made in the premises.

(5.) And as a fifth sub-section, and shall provide that the employer shall be liable to the workman, or in the case of his death to his personal representative, for recovery of damages or of compensation in respect of bodily injury, or loss of life, alleged to have been occasioned to the workman by the negligence of a fellow worker in common employment of the employer or by the known deficiency of machinery or appliances on the part of an employer, except where the person injured or killed materially contributed by his own negligence to the causing of the injury or loss of life;

Nothwithstanding the person by whose negligence the injury or loss of life is alleged to have been occasioned, was employed in a common employment with the person injured or killed, or that the risk of injury or loss of life was knowingly or voluntarily incurred by the person injured or killed in the course of his employment.

And to amend the fifth section by adding thereto "That no part of the 78th section of the Railway "Act 1868, nor any punishment thereby enacted shall apply to any of the offences which are punishable "under the third sub-section of the second section of this Act."

And to amend the sixth section by adding at the end of the first paragraph thereof after the words "reasonable despatch" the following:—At the foot of which printed copy, shall be designated some person or persons, who by such posting and designation shall be held conclusive evidence on the part of such Municipal corporation or authority, Commissioner, Company, Contractor or Railway Company, of authority to such person or persons to make the agreement in the third section mentioned on behalf of the said Municipal corporation or authority, Commissioner, Company, Contractor or Railway Company.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—That it is expedient to provide,—that the Governor in Council, on being satisfied that the Standards of inspection of Fish and Fish-Oil, in Newfoundland, are equal in quality, grade for grade, to those of Canada, may by proclamation so declare,—and that while such proclamation is in force, fish and fish-oil inspected in Newfoundland and being the produce of the fisheries thereof, may be admitted to the Markets of Canada, and otherwise dealt with as if inspected in Canada.

No. 28.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1877.

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OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1877.

Prayers were read.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *Thomas P. Connolly* and others; and of Messrs. *Doull* and *Miller* and others, of Halifax; of *G. P. Paysant* and others, of Windsor, County of Hants; of Messrs. *R. McGregor* and Sons, and others, of New Glasgow, County of Pictou; of *W. J. Stairs* and others, of Halifax; of the Reverend *George Townshend*, Rector, and others, of Amherst, County of Cumberland; of *C. B. Archibald* and others, of Truro, County of Colchester; and of *L. E. Baker* and others of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; severally setting forth the importance of continuing to provide for the fortnightly mail service between Liverpool and Halifax during the summer months; and praying that the many and varied interests involved may be conserved, and the connection maintained.

Of Mrs. *C. S. Finch* and others, of Toronto; praying for the passing of an Act declaring seduction a crime punishable by imprisonment.

Of the Municipality of the Village of Stouffville; praying for the passing of an Act providing that for Electoral purposes the said Village may remain as before its incorporation.

Of *Alexander McDonald* and others, of Loch Lomond, County of Cape Breton; and of *Philip McRae* and others, of St. Ann's, County of Victoria, Nova Scotia; severally praying that the House may consider the advisability of having the St. Peter's Canal so enlarged as to admit the average class of Ocean-going ships and steamers, and that the depth of water be increased to twenty feet and the locks lengthened in proportion.

Of *George P. Wilson* and others interested in the coal trade and shipping interests of the Dominion; praying that the duty imposed by the United States on Canadian coal may be neutralized by an equal bounty on all coal sent to the United States; or that a duty of fifty cents per ton be imposed on all coal imported into the Dominion.

Mr. *Oliver*, from the Select Committee on the Bill No. 84, from the Senate, intituled : " An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*," presented a Report, which is, as follows :—

The Committee have considered the said Bill, and also the exemplification of the proceedings to final judgment in the Court of Queen's Bench for Upper Canada, now the Province of Ontario, in the case of *Scott vs. Wilson*, together with the depositions taken before a Select Committee of the Senate, to whom the said Bill was referred, and have agreed to report the Bill, *without amendment*.

Mr. *Burpee* (Saint John) presented; in obedience to the Order of The House on the 19th ultimo; a Return, setting forth, as nearly as the officers of the Government can do so, the amount of the revenue, paid by each Province of the Dominion, and the expenditures made therein on Dominion account during the past five years—namely 1872, '73, '74, '75 and '76 respectively; the return to show, further, the contributions and receipts *per capita* in each Province to and from the Public Exchequer.

Also,—Return to Address of the 12th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion, United States and Imperial Governments, respecting the navigation of American canals and rivers; also, any correspondence between the Government and business firms, or individuals, respecting the same.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 7th instant; for a Return of the quantities and value of the Coal imported into the Dominion of Canada for the six months ending 31st December, 1876; distinguishing the various kinds, as say—Anthracite, Bituminous and Lignite; the Countries and Ports of the same whence brought; the Provinces and Ports of the Dominion where entered.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz :*—

By Mr. *Mills*—Bill No. 87 respecting the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba.

By Mr. *Gill*—Bill No. 88 to regulate the floating of cordwood on the River St. Francis.

By Mr. *Trow*—Bill No. 89 to provide greater convenience and safety for passengers on Railways in Canada.

On motion of Mr. *Casey*, the following nine Members, viz: Messrs. *Devlin, Kerr, Kirkpatrick, Caron, Fréchette, Gillmor, Costigan, Borden* and the mover (of whom four shall form a quorum), were appointed to compose the Select Committee to enquire into, and report on the practical working of the plan, under which the people are now represented in Parliament; and of the systems which have of late years been adopted in other countries, with a view to remedy some of the alleged defects of the existing plan; as ordered by The House on *Monday last*, the 19th instant.

Mr. *McCarthy*, moved, that the Bill No. 84 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*," be read a second time, *to-morrow;* which was agreed to on a division.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex) moved, that the Bill No. 85 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*," be read a second time, *to-morrow;* which was agreed to on a division.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer, and an Address voted to His Excellency, *viz :*—

By Mr. *Palmer*—Address to His Excellency; for a copy of Order in Council of 17th December, 1875, relating to the superintendence and auditing of advertising accounts; also a statement showing how much advertising was not brought under superintendence and audit contemplated by Order in Council, by whom such advertising was ordered, and by whom done from 1st January to 31st December, 1876.

Also,—Order of The House for all communications received by the Post Master General or any other Department of the Government from the St. John Board of Trade on the subject of the sale of Postage Stamps in the Post Office in St. John.

Also,—Order of The House for Copies of the Commission or other document appointing *John Mowat* a Fishery Officer in the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, and also all regulations or instructions defining his powers or the limits of his jurisdiction, and all instructions if any to him to seize the Boats fishing beyond three miles from the sea shore.

And,—Order of The House for Copy of the Commission or other documents appointing *John Dewe* Post Office Inspector; and also of all orders defining his duties and functions and within what limits he was to exercise his said office.

Mr. *Cook* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all papers, Orders and Correspondence with the Minister of Public Works, and the Engineer staff of the said Department in connection with the engagement of employees for the Pacific Railroad survey and the routes (if any) they were instructed to take; also correspondence and Orders from the same source to their agents in reference to the carrying of emigrants, Government employees and freight coming under the direct control of the Government by the Sarnia or Collingwood route since 1874.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Dymond*, adjourned.

By Mr. *Davies*—Order of The House for Returns of the number of persons who have obtained Licences or permission from the Department of Marine and Fisheries to erect Deep Sea Weirs or Pounds for the purpose of capturing Fish at the Head-lands or Capes of the Maritime Provinces.

At 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House, until half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19).

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz*:—

No. 42. To authorize the Town of Kincardine, in the County of Bruce, to impose and collect certain tolls, at the Harbor in the said Town.

No. 72. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate The *Globe* Printing Company." (*as amended.*)

No. 22. To incorporate "The Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry."

Mr. *Bunster* moved, that the Bill No. 68, for the better protection of the lives of those employed in the Coal-mines of British Columbia, be now read a second time,

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn,—the Order discharged, and the Bill, withdrawn.

The Bill No. 70 to preserve to the Electors of the Village of *Stouffville* the continuance of their representation in Parliament, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 81 to amend the Act respecting Larceny and other similar offences, was read a second time.

Mr. *Guthrie* moved, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Guthrie, Irving, Cameron, Macdougall* (Elgin), *McCarthy, Fraser, Scatcherd, Brooks, Laurier, Appleby*, and *McIsaac*, to report upon the same; which was agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Casey's* proposed motion, and which motion was, that a Select Committee be appointed, to enquire into the present condition of the Civil Service and the method of nominating and examining candidates for appointments, with a view to ascertaining whether better means cannot be adopted for securing the appointment of properly qualified persons and the general efficiency of the Service; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Said Committee to consist of Messrs. *Archibald, Aylmer, Charlton, Colby, De St. Georges, Kirkpatrick, Killam, Macdougall* (Elgin), *McDougall* (Renfrew), *Roscoe, Wright* (Pontiac) *Church, Paterson, Burpee* (Sunbury), and the mover, of whom five shall be a quorum, and that said Committee have power to report to the House their observations on the subject referred to them, together with minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

And the question being put; it was agreed to, and the said Committee appointed accordingly.

Mr. *Cook* moved, that the Bill No. 49 to amend the Act respecting the Election of Members to the House of Commons, be now read a second time.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn,—the Order discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 10 minutes to 11 o'clock, P. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *DeCosmos*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Have any negotiations been opened with the United States since the last Session of Parliament with the object of extending the 21st Article of the Treaty of Washington of 1871 to British Columbia; if not, is it the intention of the Government to urge Her Majesty's Imperial Government to do so?

Mr. *Blake*—On Friday next—BILL entitled "An Act to provide for the employment without the walls of Common Gaols of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment therein."

Mr. *Blake*—On Friday next—BILL entitled "An Act respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty lands in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec."

Mr. *Bain*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government intend making good to the Depositors of the Dundas Post Office Savings Branch their losses sustained through the default of the late Postmaster, Mr. *Thornton*, who absconded in April last and what steps have been taken by the Postmaster General in the matter.

No. 29.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, in obedience to an Order of The House on the 15th ultimo; Return for all papers, correspondence and telegrams relating to property on the Marsh Road in the County of St. John, New Brunswick, alleged to have been damaged by Fire from Locomotives on the Intercolonial Railway.

Also,—Return to an Order of The House on the 15th ultimo; for a Statement giving copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or any official in charge of a department of the Intercolonial Railway and the Phœnixville Iron Company, or any other person, from a company in the State of Pennsylvania, in relation to any offers for bridge superstructure, iron roofs, turn-tables, engines, cars, work, supplies or other matter or thing since 31st December, 1875, whether such correspondence has been in the form of tender or otherwise, stating upon the face of any offer if the same has been accepted.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 7th instant; for copies of correspondence between the Minister of Public Works and the officer in charge of the dredging improvements and deepening of the Horse Shoe Bar Channel at the entrance of the Miramichi River; with a statement shewing the total amount of dredging originally contemplated,—the quantity of material removed from said Bar in the respective seasons that the dredge has been at work; the length, breadth and depth of the excavations removed, with the length of the work yet to be excavated, and the probable period of its completion, with a statement of the depth of water proposed to be obtained in said channel by such improvement.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 15th ultimo; for a statement shewing the various tariffs for the carriage of freight on the Intercolonial Railway, which have been in operation since 1st January, 1875, together with the changes made therein; the return to be accompanied by a statement shewing all special rates granted from time to time since 1st January, 1876, to persons and companies or particular stations, and also shewing the Parliamentary authority under which these several tariffs have been issued.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 15th ultimo; for a Statement giving full information in relation to the arrangement made between the Government or their representative and the Pullman Palace Car Company, in pursuance of which their cars are run on the Intercolonial Railway, such statement to be accompanied by copy of the agreement and a statement giving an account of all expenses incurred by the Government for transporting the cars, and for cleaning, painting, repairing, and lighting them since they were put upon the line to the 31st December last, as far as practicable.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 5th instant; for copies of Reports and plan of "*Arichat West Breakwater*," in the County of Richmond, Nova Scotia.

Two Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *James Russell* and others, members of the Charlotte County Farmers' League, of the Province of New Brunswick; praying that the Tariff may be so changed as to correspond with the Tariff of the United States in respect to Customs duties imposed upon agricultural produce; also for an Act compelling all Farm Produce to be sold by weight, and that fines and penalties may be imposed for its violation.

Of the Honourable *Robert Skead*, President of the Ottawa Board of Trade, and others, of the City of Ottawa; praying that the inspection of Butter may be made compulsory.

Of *John W. Dawson*, LL.D., Principal of McGill University, and *George Robert Grant*, of the City of Montreal, executors of the last will and testament of the late Sir *William E. Logan*, deceased, in his lifetime of the said City of Montreal, Knight, LL.D., F.R.S. and F.G.S.; praying that the Bill now before Parliament respecting the removal of the Geological Museum from Montreal to Ottawa may be reconsidered, and that provision may be made to meet the claims of the said late Sir *W. E. Logan's* estate in respect thereof.

Of *Majoric Mercier* and others, of St. Michel, County of Bellechasse; praying for the repeal or amendment of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 16 respecting the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company, *with amendments*.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), presented, Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 1st instant; for a copy of Returns from Pilotage Authorities of Cape Breton for the year 1876, showing the names of all Pilots, and the amount paid to each—Also the amount paid to the secretaries of the different Pilotage Authorities from Pilotage funds in such District.

And,—Return to Address of the 5th instant; for Copies of all Orders in Council, Rules and Regulations made in relation to the Smelt Fisheries in the Harbor of Bathurst; together with all Correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the Inspector of Fisheries and other officers of the Department; also with all persons interested in said Fisheries.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented,—Return to Address of the 19th ultimo; for a clear and complete statement of the property and business (assets, liabilities), of a Company bearing the name of "*Le Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*," incorporated under Chapter 102 of the Statutes of Canada, 36 *Vic.*, (1873), and in particular,—

1. The amount of the subscribed Capital.
2. The amount of this Capital paid in.
3. The amount of Bonds in circulation.
4. The amount invested and secured by hypothecs.
5. The value of the real property hypothecated.
6. The amount of capital held as deposits from the time when the Company commenced business up to the 1st January last (1877).

The said statement not to include the assets, debts, rights, actions, privileges, and hypothecs which the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*," may have acquired from any Building Society or Societies, established under Chapter 69 of the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, or resulting from any union or amalgamation between the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*" and any Company or Companies established under the last cited Act.

A separate and distinct, clear and complete statement of the property and business (assets and liabilities), of any such Company or Companies, so acquired and possessed by the said *Crédit Foncier*, to be made in like manner, in the form and manner first above mentioned up to the 1st January last (1877).

Further, copies of the various statements duly made and certified by the said "*Crédit Foncier du Bas Canada*" since it commenced business up to the 1st January last.

A motion being made by Mr. *Blake*, That this House will, on *to-morrow*, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following proposed Resolution :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision for the payment of the cost of transport of the Active Militia when called out in aid of the civil power, and also to provide that the reasonable cost of calling out the Active Militia in certain cases in aid of the civil power may be in whole or part reimbursed out of monies to be provided by Parliament.

Mr. *Blake*, by command of His Excellency, acquainted The House that His Excellency the Governor General having been informed of the subject matter of this proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of The House.

Resolved, That this House will, on *to-morrow*, resolve itself into the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to provide,—that the Governor in Council, on being satisfied that the Standards of inspection of Fish and Fish-Oil, in Newfoundland, are equal in quality, grade for grade, to

those of Canada, may by proclamation so declare,—and that while such proclamation is in force, fish and fish-oil inspected in Newfoundland and being the produce of the fisheries thereof, may be admitted to the Markets of Canada, and otherwise dealt with as if inspected in Canada.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting Tolls in the Harbor of Montreal.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the Act 36 *Victoria*, chapter 61, respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, by repealing the existing Tariff of Tolls and dues on vessels using the Harbour, and on merchandize and other things landed from or shipped on board such vessels, from the first day of April next, and substituting a new Tariff; and by giving the said Commissioners power from time to time to alter or modify the said Tariff with the consent and approval of the Governor in Council.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) then introduced a Bill No. 90 respecting Tolls in the Harbor of *Montreal*; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 80 to amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendment concurred in, read a third time, and passed.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole, on the 20th instant, respecting the Inland Revenue, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the "Act respecting the Inland Revenue" and to provide for the imposition of a license duty of thirty dollars on each importer or manufacturer (not a manufacturer of beer, wash or spirits, or a rectifier of spirits) of stills, worms, or other apparatus suitable for the manufacture of beer, wash or spirits.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to fix the following as the fees payable by Maltsters for licenses:—

(*a.*) For a first-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 2,000 centals and upwards, of malt during one month's working, $200 (*two hundred dollars.*)

(*b.*) For a second-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 1,500 and not more than 2,000 centals of malt during one month's working, $150 (*one hundred and fifty dollars.*)

(*c.*) For a third-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 1,000 centals and not more than 1,500 centals of malt during one month's working, $100 (*one hundred dollars.*)

(*d.*) For a fourth-class license, which shall entitle him to work a malt house having a capacity to produce 500 and not more than 1,000 centals of malt during one month's working, $50 (*fifty dollars.*)

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 91 to amend an "Act respecting the Inland Revenue;" which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole, on the 20th instant, respecting the Inspection of Gas, and Gas Meters, were reported, read a second time and agreed to, and are as follows:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act to provide for the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters by repealing the 25th Section thereof and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—

"25. It shall be lawful for the Inspector appointed under this Act, at the request of any purchaser or undertaker, who shall give twenty-four hours notice, in writing, to the other party to the contract, at all reasonable times to enter any house or shop, store, yard, or other place whatsoever within his District, where any Meter, stamped or unstamped, is fixed or used, and to remove such Meter, doing as little damage thereby as may be; and if, upon examination and testing, it shall appear that any such Meter is incorrect or fraudulent, such Meter shall not be re-fixed or used again, unless and until altered and repaired so as to measure and register correctly, and stamped."

"2. And the cost of such removal, alteration, repairs and stamping shall be paid by, and may be recovered from the party against whom the decision is given."

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient further to amend the said Act by adding the following sub-section at the end of section thirty-one:

"2. Such tests shall be made at least once in each week, and in addition to such weekly tests, additional tests may be made when the quantity of gas made by any undertaker may be deemed sufficiently large to render such additional tests necessary; such necessity being determined by departmental regulations or order in that behalf."

3. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient further to amend the said Act by adding the following sub-sections at the end of section thirty-five:—

"2. The fees so determined as payable for testing the illuminating power and purity of gas, when such tests are made in pursuance of any general regulations in that behalf, shall be paid by the undertaker."

"3. When any purchaser requires to have a special test made as to the illuminating power or purity of gas, the fees chargeable for such test shall be paid by the party who requires it to be made."

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 92 further to amend "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters;" which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*

Mr. *Blake* presented, Return to Address of the 10th April, 1876; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Lieutenant Governors of the different Provinces regarding the relative jurisdiction of the Dominion and Provincial Parliament over the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors; together with all decisions of the Courts in the different Provinces, bearing upon this matter.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*—

No. 9. Respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

No. 8. To change the name of the St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, to the International Railway Company; and for other purposes respecting the same.

No. 40. To authorise the Union Forwarding and Railway Company, to reduce its paid-up Capital.

No. 28. Respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company.

Also,—with the following Bill of their own, (No. 93) intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*," to which the concurrence of this House, was desired.

Also,—communicating the evidence taken before the Select Committee to whom was referred the last mentioned Bill, with the request that the same may be returned to that House.

The Bill No. 83 to amend the Act relating to the Inspection of Steamboats, was read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow.*

The House resumed the further adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion for the second reading of Resolution 1, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,—and the motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* in amendment thereto, and which motion was:—"That the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion,"—and of the proposed motion of Mr. *Orton* in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*Resolved*" in the said amendment be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That this House expresses its regret that the Government have not seen fit, with a due regard to all other industries so to arrange the Customs Tariff, as to relieve the farmers of Canada from the unjust effects of the one-sided and unfair Tariff relations, which exist between Canada and the United States, in reference to the interchange of agricultural products; and at the same time place this Country in a better position to negotiate a fair and just reciprocity in the interchange of such products, between Canada and the United States"—

And a further Debate arising thereon,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

FRIDAY, 23rd March, 1877.

And the Debate still continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Brouse*, adjourned.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 3 respecting Procedure and Evidence in Criminal cases, *without amendment.*

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz:*—

No. 64. To amend the Act to make further provision in regard to the Supreme and Exchequer Courts (On motion of Mr. *Blake*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

No. 27. To amend the Act respecting Offences against the Person. (On motion of Mr. *Blake*, the amendment was taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

No. 13. To incorporate "The Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association." (On motion of Mr. *Wood*, the amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

The House then adjourned at 12.10 o'clock, A. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Dymond*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any communication has been received by the Government from any Member of the late Northern Railway Commission, or from the Counsel representing the Crown before that Commission, with reference to the non-examination of the Hon. *John Beverley Robinson*, M.P., and if so, what is the nature of such communication.

Mr. *Pope* (Queens)—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a copy of the Report of the Surgeon to the Marine Hospital, Charlottetown; also a detailed account of expenses in connection with Marine Hospital and sick and distressed seamen, Prince Edward Island, for the year ended 30th June, 1876.

No. 30.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1877.

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OF THE

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No. 31.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Quebec Board of Trade; praying that no change may be made in the Tariff as regards Coal imported into the Dominion.

Of *Alexander Matheson* and others, of the Parish of North St. Andrews, County of *Lisgar*, Province of Manitoba; praying that the Temperance Act of 1864, known as the Dunkin Act, may be extended to the Province of Manitoba.

Of the Reverend *F. A. Oliva* and others, of the County of Montmagny, Province of Quebec; praying for the repeal or amendment of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Of Messrs. *George W. Runciman* and Son and others, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia; setting forth the importance of continuing to provide for the fortnightly mail service between Liverpool and Halifax during the summer months; and praying that the many and varied interests involved may be conserved, and the connection maintained.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee have had under their consideration the Bill No. 6, to incorporate the Maitland Marine Insurance Company,—and the promoters of the same having expressed their wish to be allowed to withdraw their Bill, the Committee would recommend, that the fees paid on the same, *be refunded*.

On motion of Mr. *Goudge*, the said Bill was withdrawn, and the fees ordered to be refunded, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the foregoing Report.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented, Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for copies of Return of the Harbor Master for the Port of Little Glace Bay, N. S., for the year ending 31st December, 1876; shewing the amounts of fees collected; the names of all vessels from which fees were collected; also any correspondence in relation to the office of Harbor Master for the Port of Little Glace Bay, N. S.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, that the Bill No. 93 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*," be now read the first time; which was agreed to, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Church,	Kirk,	Palmer,
Aylmer,	Cockburn,	Kirkpatrick,	Paterson,
Bain,	Cook,	Little,	Pettes,
Bertram,	Davies,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Platt,
Biggar,	Dawson,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Plumb,
Blackburn,	DeCosmos,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),
Blain,	Dewdney,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Robinson,
Blake,	Dymond,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Rochester,
Borden,	Ferris,	Mackenzie,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bowell,	Fleming,	Macmillan,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bowman,	Fraser,	McCallum,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Brouse,	Galbraith,	McCarthy,	Schultz,
Brown,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McCraney,	Scriver,
Buell,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*)	McGregor,	Sinclair,
Burk,	Gibson,	McLeod,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillies,	McNab,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gillmor,	McQuade,	Trow,
Cameron,	Goudge,	Metcalfe,	Tupper,
Campbell,	Guthrie,	Mills,	Vail,
Carmichael,	Haggart,	Mitchell,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cartwright,	Hall,	Moffat,	White (*Renfrew*),
Casey,	Horton,	Monteith,	Workman,
Charlton,	Kerr,	Oliver,	Young.—94.
Christie,	Killam,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Colby,	Holton,	Masson,
Bannatyne,	Costigan,	Hurteau,	Montplaisir,
Barthe,	Coupal,	Jetté,	Mousseau,
Béchard,	Cuthbert,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Pinsonneault,
Benoit,	Daoust,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Bernier,	Delorme,	Lajoie,	Pouliot,
Blanchet,	Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Richard,
Bolduc,	De St. Georges,	Laurier,	Robillard,
Brooks,	Fiset,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Robitaille,
Caron,	Flynn,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Short,
Casgrain,	Fréchette,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	St. Jean,
Cauchon,	Gaudet,	McIntyre,	Taschereau,
Cheval,	Gill,	McIsaac,	Thibaudeau.—54.
Cimon,	Harwood,		

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, that the said Bill be read the second time, *on Monday next*; which was agreed to on a division.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, *on Monday next*.

The House resumed the further adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion for the second reading of Resolution 1, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means,—and the motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* in amendment thereto, and which motion was:—"That the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regrets that the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further that this House is of opinion that the deficiency in the Revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the Tariff as will benefit and foster the Agricultural, Mining and Manufacturing interests of the Dominion,"—and of the proposed motion of Mr. *Orton* in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*Resolved*" in the said amendment be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"That this House expresses its regret that the Government have not seen fit with a due regard to all other industries so to arrange the Customs Tariff, as to relieve the farmers of Canada from the unjust effects of the one-sided and unfair Tariff relations, which exist between Canada and the United States, in reference to the interchange of agricultural products as well as animals and their products, and at the same time place this Country in a better position to negotiate a fair and just reciprocity in the interchange of such products, between Canada and the United States"—

And the Debate continuing,—at 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House, until half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order or Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The Bill No. 16 respecting the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. *Oliver* moved, that the Bill No. 84 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*," be now read the second time; which was agreed to, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Dymond,	Kirkpatrick,	Orton,
Aylmer,	Farrow,	Little,	Paterson,
Bain,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Pickard,
Bertram,	Fleming,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Plumb,
Biggar,	Galbraith,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),
Blackburn,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McKay (*Colchester*),	Rochester,
Borron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Mackenzie,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bowell,	Gibson,	Macmillan,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bowman,	Gillies,	McCallum,	Scatcherd,
Brouse,	Gillmor,	McCraney,	Scriver,
Burk,	Goudge,	McGregor,	Shibley,
Burpee (*St, John*),	Greenway,	McNab,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Campbell,	Hagar,	McQuade,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Carmichael,	Hall,	Mills,	Trow,
Charlton,	Higinbotham,	Moffat,	Tupper,
Christie,	Kerr,	Monteith,	Vail,
Church,	Killam,	Oliver,	White (Hastings).—69.
Cockburn,			

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Costigan,	Gaudet,	Masson,
Barthe,	Coupal,	Harwood,	Montplaisir,
Béchard,	Currier,	Holton,	Mousseau,
Benoit,	Cuthbert,	Hurteau,	Ouimet,
Bernier,	Daoust,	Lajoie,	Pinsonneault,
Bolduc,	Delorme,	Lanthier,	Pope (*Compton*),
Bourassa,	Desjardins,	Laurier,	Richard,
Caron,	De St. Georges,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Robitaille,
Cauchon,	Domville,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Short,
Cheval,	Donahue,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Taschereau,
Cimon,	Fréchette,	McGreevy,	Thibaudeau.—44.

The Bill was accordingly read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Trow* moved, that the Bill No. 85 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*," be now read a second time; which was agreed to, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Church,	Killam,	Orton,
Aylmer,	Cockburn,	Kirk,	Paterson,
Bain,	Cook,	Kirkpatrick,	Pickard,
Bertram,	Cunningham,	Little,	Plumb,
Biggar,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),
Blackburn,	Farrow,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Robinson,
Blain,	Ferris,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Rochester,
Blake,	Fleming,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Ross (*Durham*),
Borden,	Forbes,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Borron,	Galbraith,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bowell,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Mackenzie,	Scatcherd,

Bowman,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Macmillan,	Scriver,
Brouse,	Gibson,	McCallum,	Shibley,
Buell,	Gillies,	McCraney,	Sinclair,
Burk,	Gillmor,	McGregor,	Smith (*Peel*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Greenway,	McNab,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Guthrie,	McQuade,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Cameron,	Hagar,	Mills,	Trow,
Campbell,	Haggart,	Moffat,	Tupper,
Carmichael,	Hall,	Monteith,	Vail,
Charlton,	Higinbotham,	Norris,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Christie,	Kerr,	Oliver,	White (*Hastings*).—88.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Baby,	Costigan,	Holton,	Montplaisir,
Bannatyne,	Coupal,	Hurteau,	Mousseau,
Barthe,	Currier,	Jetté,	Ouimet.
Benoit,	Cuthbert,	Lajoie,	Pinsonneault.
Bernier,	Daoust,	Lanthier,	Pope (*Compton*),
Blanchet,	Delorme,	Laurier,	Richard,
Bolduc,	Desjardins,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Robillard,
Bourassa,	De St. Georges,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robitaille,
Boyer,	Domville,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Roy,
Caron,	Fréchette,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Short,
Cauchon,	Gaudet,	McGreevy,	St. Jean,
Cheval,	Gill,	McIsaac,	Taschereau,
Cimon,	Harwood,	Masson,	Thibaudeau—52.

The Bill was accordingly read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House then resumed the Debate interrupted by the adjournment at 6 o'clock.

And the Debate still continuing,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight ;

SATURDAY, 24th March, 1877.

And the question being put on Mr. *Orton's* proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Baby,	Dewdney,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Pinsonneault,
Benoit,	Domville,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Platt,
Blanchet,	Donahue,	Macmillan,	Plumb,
Bowell,	Farrow,	McCallum,	Robillard,
Brooks,	Fraser,	McCarthy,	Robinson,
Brown,	Gaudet,	McGreevy,	Robitaille,
Bunster,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McGregor,	Rochester,
Cameron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McQuade,	Ross (*Durham*),
Campbell,	Gill,	Masson,	Roy,
Caron,	Haggart,	Mitchell,	Schultz,
Cimon,	Harwood,	Moffat,	Stephenson,
Colby,	Hurteau,	Monteith,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Costigan,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Montplaisir,	Tupper,
Coupal,	Kirkpatrick,	Mousseau,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Currier,	Lanthier,	Norris,	White (*Hastings*),
Cuthbert,	Little,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
Daoust,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Ouimet,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
DeCosmos,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Palmer,	Wright (*Pontiac*) —74.
Desjardins,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,
Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bannatyne,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Biggar,
Blackburn,
Bolduc,
Borden,
Borron,
Bowman,
Boyer,
Brouse,
Buell,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Cook,
Cunningham,
Davies,
Dawson,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Greenway,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Huntington,
Irving,
Jetté,
Jones (*Halifax*),
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Pickard,
Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),
Pouliot,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,
Roscoe,
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wood,
Workman,
Yeo,
Young.—113.

The question being then put on Sir *John A. Macdonald's* proposed amendment to the main motion; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,
Benoit,
Blanchet,
Bowell,
Brooks,
Brown,
Bunster,
Cameron,
Campbell,
Caron,
Cimon,
Colby,
Costigan,
Coupal,
Currier,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
DeCosmos,
Desjardins,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Donahue,
Farrow,
Fraser,
Gaudet,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Gill,
Haggart,
Harwood,
Hurteau,
Jones (*Leeds*),
Kirkpatrick,
Lanthier,
Little,
Macdonald (*Kingston*),
McDonald (*Cape-Breton*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
McCarthy,
McGreevy,
McQuade,
Masson,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Montplaisir,
Mousseau,
Orton,
Ouimet,
Palmer,
Pinsonneault,
Platt,
Plumb,
Robillard,
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Rochester,
Roy,
Schultz,
Stephenson,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Tupper,
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Hastings*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wright (*Ottawa*),
Wright (*Pontiac*).—70.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,
Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bannatyne,
Barthe,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Cook,
Cunningham,
Davies,
Dawson,
Delorme,
Jetté,
Jones (*Halifax*),
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),
Pouliot,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,
Roscoe,
Ross (*Durham*),

Bertram,
Biggar,
Blackburn,
Bolduc,
Borden,
Borron,
Bourassa,
Bowman,
Boyer,
Brouse,
Buell,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Greenway,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Huntington,
Irving,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McGregor,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Norris,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Pickard,
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wood,
Workman,
Yeo,
Young.—119.

The question being then put on the main motion; it was agreed to on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Appleby,
Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bannatyne,
Barthe,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Biggar,
Blackburn,
Bolduc,
Borden,
Borron,
Bourassa,
Bowman,
Boyer,
Brouse,
Buell,
Burk,
Burpee (*St, John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Cook,
Coupal,
Cunningham,
Davies,
Dawson,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gilmour,
Goudge,
Greenway,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Huntington,
Irving,
Jetté,
Jones (*Halifax*),
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McGregor,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Norris,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Pickard,
Pouliot,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,
Robillard,
Roscoe,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland,*)
Snider,
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wood,
Workman,
Yeo,
Young.—120.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Baby,
Benoit,
Blanchet,
Bowell,
Brooks,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Donahue,
Farrow,
Fraser,
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
Pinsonneault,
Platt,
Plumb,
Pope (*Queens, P. E. I.*),
Robinson,

Brown,	Gaudet,	McCarthy,	Robitaille,
Bunster,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McGreevy,	Rochester,
Cameron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McQuade,	Roy,
Campbell,	Gill,	Masson,	Schultz,
Caron,	Haggart,	Mitchell,	Stephenson,
Cimon,	Harwood,	Moffat,	Thompson (*Cariboo*)
Colby,	Hurteau,	Monteith,	Tupper,
Costigan,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Montplaisir,	Wallace (*Norfolk*)
Currier,	Kirkpatrick,	Mousseau,	White (*Hastings*),
Cuthbert,	Lanthier,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
Daoust,	Little,	Ouimet,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
DeCosmos,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Palmer,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—69.
Desjardins,			

Resolution 1, being read a second time, was then agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 15 minutes before 3 o'clock A.M., until Monday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying him to be pleased to enforce the provisions of the 9th sub-section of section 6 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 7, and obtain from the City and District Savings Bank of Montreal:

1st. A detailed statement of the different stocks held by the Bank as collateral security for advances made by it since 1870;

2nd. A detailed statement of the valuation of each of the said stocks at the period of each loan not yet paid back and of the amounts so advanced on each stock which the Bank now holds;

3rd. The statement by means of which the Directors were enabled to fix at $180,000 the surplus assets of the said Bank in 1871, and a statement shewing whether the surplus was limited to that amount;

4th. The amount of the sums paid by the shareholders on their calls since 1870 or 1871;

5th. A statement of the notes given by the shareholders by way of instalments since 1870, and the interest or accumulated profit received by them each year since 1870.

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all Contracts, with specifications attached, between the Government or the Department of Public Works and *James Goodwin*, in the matter of the works on the Grenville Canal; also for copies of all Orders in Council modifying such contracts,—the whole since 1870.

Mr. *De St. Georges*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copy of an Order in Council of 5th March, 1877, approving of a By-law of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, in reference to the Tariff of Pilotage between Quebec and Montreal.

Mr. *White* (East Hastings)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether Mr. *Dore* has been permanently appointed Emigration Agent in London, or whether the appointment be provisional or temporary, and whether any Commission or letter of appointment has been issued or directed to him as Emigration Agent, or whether any other person in England or elsewhere has been promised the appointment of Emigration Agent at London, or of Agent-General there?

Mr. *Bain*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return of the papers and correspondence respecting the loss sustained by Depositors in the Savings Branch of the Dundas Post Office through the absconding and default of the late Postmaster, Mr. *Thornton*, in April last.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—BILL intituled: "An Act for the repression of betting and pool selling."

PRIVATE BILLS NOTICE.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration by the *Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, on or after Monday, the 26th instant:—*

No. 84. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott.*"

No. 85. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates.*"

No. 31.

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *L. D. V. Chipman* and others, of Kentville, County of Kings, Nova Scotia; setting forth the importance of continuing to provide for the fortnightly mail service between Liverpool and Halifax during the summer months; and praying that the many and varied interests involved may be conserved, and the connection maintained.

Of *Louis Turgeon* and others; of *Anselme Plante* and others; of *Elzéar Métivier* and others; and of *L. A. Brochu* and others, of the County of Bellechasse, Province of Quebec; severally praying for the repeal or amendment of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Mr. *Mackenzie* laid before The House,—Copies of contracts entered into for construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway; together with a Statement of sums expended in construction, in conformity with the provisions of the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 14, Section 9.

He also presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 15th ultimo; for a Statement giving a full epitome of all offers, or tenders made from the 30th June, 1875, to 31st December, 1876, to any authorized officer of the Intercolonial Railway, for each of the following: Wheels, Axles, Springs, Tubes, Tools, Stoves, Iron, Iron-work, Iron Roofs, Bridge Superstructure, Cars, Ploughs, Oil, Tallow, Waste, Fuel, Rails, Frogs, Spikes, and other principal supplies, and also for Buildings, Snow Sheds, or any description of work usually done by contract; the statement to include the names of the parties, who made such offers, and the names of those whose offers were accepted, as well as the names of those who in any case were invited to submit offers, and the names of those, if any, whose contracts were cancelled, and giving the cause thereof.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 7th instant; for a Statement shewing the extent and character of the Works carried on in the improvement of the Toronto Harbor during the past year; together with all correspondence, plans, and having reference to the best method or methods of permanently securing the harbor against damage and deepening it so as to admit vessels of largest tonnage navigating the upper lakes, with any estimates which may have been made of the cost of such improvements.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Council of the County of Carleton respecting a Bridge over the By-Wash at Long Island.

Also,---Return to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the Engineer in charge of the Culbute Canal, in reference to the petition of *Elizabeth Sullivan*, of the Township of Pembroke, in the County of Renfrew, praying for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by her, through the construction of a Dam at the said Culbute Canal, together with a copy of the Engineer's Report on the subject matter of the said Petition.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for copies of all Reports and Plans of Port Hood Harbor, in the County of Inverness, made by the Engineers under the direction of the Dominion Government.

Also,—Return to Address of the 12th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Government, and the Council of the County of Carleton, respecting a Bridge across the Rideau River, at the Village of Wellington.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for copies of all Reports made by the Engineer or Engineers in charge of Public Works on the improvement of the navigation of the St. John River, New Brunswick, since June, 1871; as well as the amount of dredging done since that date on the Oromocto Shoals (so called), and the state of the navigation at that point.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Return to Address of the 19th instant; for copies of all Orders in Council and of all correspondence which has taken place, since last Session, between the Federal and the Quebec Governments, concerning the Judicial Staff of the District of Montreal.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—List of Stockholders of *La Banque d'Hochelaga*, on the 2nd January, 1877, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12.

And,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of *Chicoutimi*, *Montmagny*, and *St. Francis*, for the year, 1876,—and Supplementary Statement for the latter District, for the year, 1875.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 67, respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent, *with amendments*.

Mr. *MacDonnell*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, *without amendment, viz.:*—

No. 84. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*," and also the exemplification of the proceedings to final judgment in the Court of Queen's Bench for Upper Canada, now the Province of Ontario, in the case of *Scott vs. Wilson;* together with the depositions taken before a Select Committee of the Senate, to whom the said Bill was referred.

No. 85. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*," and also the exemplification of the judgment of his honor, the Judge of the County Court, of the County of *Ontario*, in the case of *The Queen vs. Bates;* together with the depositions taken before a Select Committee of the Senate, to whom the said Bill was referred.

No. 44. To amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Maskinongé*.

And the Bill, No. 26 to vest the property of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company in *Joseph Harris McClellan, with amendments*.

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have further considered the Bill No. 12 to grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company, (Limited), referred back to them, and have agreed to report the same *with several additional amendments*.

On motion of Mr. *Trow*, a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, requesting that their Honors will give leave to the Hon. Messrs. *Sutherland* and *Girard*, two of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization.

Mr. *Blake* introduced the three following Bills, which were read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, to-morrow, viz:—

No 94. To provide for the employment without the walls of Common Gaols, of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment therein.

No. 95. For the repression of Betting and Pool-selling.

No. 96. To amend the Post Office Act, 1875.

Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand) moved, that the Bill No. 93 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the "relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*," be now read the second time; which was agreed to, on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Davies,	Little,	Rochester,
Bertram,	DeCosmos,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Roscoe,
Biggar,	Dewdney,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Ross (*Durham*),
Blackburn,	Dymond,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Blain,	Ferris,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Blake,	Fleming,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Scatcherd,
Borden,	Flesher,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Schultz,
Borron,	Forbes,	Mackenzie,	Scriver,
Bowell,	Fraser,	McCraney,	Shibley,
Bowman,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*)	McGregor,	Sinclair,
Brown,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*)	McLeod,	Smith (*Peel*),
Burk,	Gibson,	McQuade,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillies,	Mitchell,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gillmor,	Moffat,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Carmichael,	Goudge,	Monteith,	Trow,
Cartwright,	Greenway,	Norris,	Tupper,
Charlton,	Guthrie,	Oliver,	Vail,
Christie,	Hall,	Palmer,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Church,	Higinbotham,	Paterson,	White (*Hastings*),
Cockburn,	Horton,	Pettes,	Wood,
Coffin,	Kerr,	Plumb,	Workman,
Cook,	Killam,	Pope (*Queens, P.E.I.*),	Young.—91.
Cunningham,	Kirk,	Robinson,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Colby,	Harwood,	Masson,
Béchard,	Costigan,	Holton,	Montplaisir,
Bernier,	Currier,	Hurteau,	Mousseau,
Blanchet,	Cuthbert,	Jetté,	Ouimet,
Bolduc,	Daoust,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Bourassa,	Delorme,	Lajoie,	Richard,
Boyer,	Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Robitaille,
Brooks,	De St. Georges,	Laurier,	Roy,
Caron,	Domville,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Stephenson,
Casgrain,	Flynn,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	St. Jean,
Cheval,	Fréchette,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Taschereau,
Cimon,	Gill,	McIsaac,	Wallace (*Norfolk*).—48.

The Bill was accordingly read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,—and Addresses voted to His Excellency the Governor General, as follows, *viz*:—

By Mr. *Cimon*—Order of The House for a statement shewing the quantity, quality and dimension of timber supplied by Mr. *Adolphe Gagnon* for each of the piers at Baie St. Paul, Malbaie and Eboulements, in the County of Charlevoix, and also the price per foot paid for such timber during the fiscal year 1875–6.

By Mr. *Caron*—Order of The House for a statement shewing; 1st, the instructions given and to whom given for the division of the Ordnance property at Quebec, known as the Cove Field; 2nd, the cost of dividing, also for advertising, and of selling the same; 3rd, the names of the parties receiving such sums of money, the amount received by each of them; 4th, the amount of such sale, the names of the purchasers, the amount paid by each on each lot, and the balance remaining unpaid.

Also,—Order of The House for a statement shewing: 1st, the names and salaries or wages of each officer composing the Government staff of the Lachine Canal, for each of the years 1875–6 and 1876–7; 2nd, the amount of contingencies in connection with the said staff for each of these years; 3rd, the dates of appointment of each such officer.

By Mr. *Domville*—Order of The House for Return of all correspondence, telegrams, and orders in connection with the dismissal of *William Colwell*, Locker in the Custom House Department, St. John, New

Brunswick; also, all papers, telegrams and correspondence, in connection with the investigation carried on by Inspector *Cudlip* together with his report thereon,—date of dismissal,—copy of medical report as to his health after examination,—a statement of all other official appointments which were offered him,—copy of letter addressed by Commissioner *Johnson*, at Ottawa, to the Department of the Minister of Justice recommending him for an appointment,—together with a statement of the fund from which the sum of one hundred dollars was paid him,—of the grounds for such payment and the account to which such payment was charged in the Public Accounts.

By Mr. *Stephenson*—Order of The House for Returns, shewing by whom the Pork Stuffs supplied to the Mounted Police Force in the North-West Territory and Manitoba were furnished; the quantity and description of such stuffs supplied; the prices asked, as well as the prices paid therefor; the point from where they were shipped and the cost of conveyance per 100 lbs to the point of their final destination; also all correspondence shewing whether such stuffs were called for and supplied by tender publicly advertised; together with copies of any notices for tenders as well as all tenders received since the establishing and location of said Mounted Police Force in the North-West Territory and Manitoba.

By Mr. *Roy*—Address to His Excellency the Governor General; for copies of all the instructions given to Mr. *Kingsford*, of the Department of Public Works, and of all reports and correspondence in relation to repairs and other work done on the Breakwaters at L'Islet, Rivière Ouelle, Rivière du Loup and Rimouski, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, Province of Quebec; also a statement shewing the amounts expended for such work or repairs on each of the said Breakwaters.

By Mr. *McKay* (Colchester)—Order of The House for copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Post Office Inspector at Halifax and other Post Office officials, with reference to the loss of a Mail-bag between Truro and Halifax, on or about the 14th December last, and which contained two or more registered letters containing sums of money, with all correspondence with reference to the loss of said money.

By Mr. *Blanchet*—Order of The House, for the amount in detail of Departmental printing of each Department respectively, the names of the persons or parties who made such printing, with the names of the parties who have such printing not yet finished, with the conditions entered into, and the amount in value of the work yet to be done.

Mr. *Roscoe* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency; for copies of all correspondence from Government officials in British Columbia to the Dominion Government, in regard to the escape of *Martin*, on alleged United States Territory; and also of a demand made upon *A. Coquette*, to pay the United States Customs duties.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz :*—

No. 52. Further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

No. 31. To authorize and provide for the winding up of the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 32. Respecting "*La Banque Jacques Cartier.*"

No. 35. Concerning the Ottawa, Vaudreuil and Montreal Railway Company.

No. 40. Respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario, and to amend "The Penitentiary Act of 1875."

Also,—agreeing to the amendments made by this House to the Bill No. 72 of their own, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Globe* Printing Company," *without amendment.*

Also,—with the following Bills of their own, to which the concurrence of this House was desired, *viz :*—

No. 97, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (*Limited*)."

No. 98, intituled: "An Act to amend the Coteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Act." (On motion of Mr. *Currier*, the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*)

No. 99, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machine Company."

No. 100, intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Canada Traffic Company."

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz :*—

No. 57. To authorize the "Royal Canadian Insurance Company," to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes. (On motion of Mr. *Jetté*, the amendment was taken into consideration, and concurred in).

No. 14. To amend the Act incorporating the Montreal, Portland, and Boston Railway Company. (On motion of Mr. *Baby*, the amendments were read the first time, and the Bill with the amendments referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines).

No. 25. To amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company. (On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the amendments were read the first time, and the Bill with the amendments referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines).

No. 30. To incorporate the Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mr. *Blanchet* moved, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of a certain Report, made against the Postmaster of *Montmagny, Jean Stanislas Vallée*, Esq., in connection with an alleged enquiry held by *Achillé Talbot*, Esq., Deputy Inspector of Post-offices for the District of Quebec; and of all papers, documents, and correspondence thereunto relating.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Schultz*, an Address was voted to His Excellency the Governor General; for copies of all communications from the first Council of the North-West Territories in regard to the preservation of the Buffalo; all communication on the same subject from Indian Commissioners or other Dominion Government officials and all Orders in Council or Acts passed by the present Government of the North-West Territories having this object in view.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all the correspondence between the President or Cashier of the Ontario Bank, and the Hon. the Finance Minister, or the Finance Department, respecting the Government Deposits in the Ontario Bank since 1st November, 1873, to the present time.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and any of their officers or other parties in Nova Scotia, relating to the supply of coal and water for the operation of the Fog Whistle at Cape D'Or, and a statement of the period or periods during which for the past two years that Fog Whistle has not been in operation, and the reasons therefor.

A Message was received from the Senate, giving leave to the Hon. Messrs. *Sutherland* and *Girard*, two of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization, if they think fit.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 56, for the prevention of Gambling Practices in certain public conveyances, *with amendments*. (On motion of Mr. *Blake*, the amendments were read the first time; and ordered to be taken into consideration, *to-morrow*.)

On motion of Mr. *Palmer* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all leases of the right to fish in the *non-tidal waters of New Brunswick*.

On motion of Mr. *Cockburn* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a copy of the Engineer's Report of the Survey of Parry Sound Harbor, made by Mr. *Michaud*, C.E. and others, in 1876.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency the Governor General; for copies of all papers connected with the awarding of section fifteen of the Canada Pacific Railway, including copies of advertisements for tenders,—all tenders sent in with the names of the parties tendering, the names of all sureties offered, and the amount of such tenders; a statement of all sums of money deposited at the time of tendering or subsequently, as security in part or in whole for the performance of said contract, and whether such sums or any portion of them have been returned and to whom; all telegrams and correspondence with parties tendering, or with any other parties in relation to the tenders or to the contractors, all protests fyled by parties tendering or by any other parties in respect of such contracts, all reports to Council by the Minister of Public Works, and Minutes of Council referring to the said tenders and contracts, also copies of contracts for such section number fifteen of the said Canada Pacific Railway, and of any order of the Department of Public Works or Minutes of Council altering the terms of the said contracts or extending the time for the completion of the same.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Mitchell* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of the House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all correspondence between Mr. *James Niven*, of Newcastle, Miramichi, N.B., and the Officers of the Intercolonial Railway and the Government, in reference to the killing by one of the Trains of said Road, on the 23rd of February last, of Five head of Cattle of the said *James Niven*; also a statement from the Officers of the Road as to the distance to the place of accident from the Miramichi Station from which the said Train started; whether the same is or is not a straight line; where the Driver of the said Train first saw the Cattle on said Track.

On motion of Mr. *Pouliot*, an Address was voted to His Excellency the Governor General, for :—1. Copies of the arrangement made by the Government, or by the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, respecting the tariff of charges for the conveyance of passengers and freight over the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railways. 2. A Statement of the rates which should have been and ought still to be charged for passengers and for freight by the Grand Trunk Railway from its various Stations to Rivière du-Loup, and *vice versâ*, per passenger, per car, and per the hundred pounds of the different classes of merchandise. 3. A Statement of the rates charged by the Intercolonial Railway, for passengers and freight over the Intercolonial Railway from Rivière-du-Loup to its various Stations, and *vice versâ*, per passenger, per car, and per the hundred pounds of the different classes of merchandise.

The House then adjourned at 11.10 o'clock P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Irving*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled: "An Act to make provision for the more effectua securing the observance by Railway Companies of the law requiring equality of treatment in the management of Traffic, and imposition of Rates and Tolls."

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Thursday next—BILL respecting the powers of Loan Companies already incorporated.

Mr. *Delorme*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government have decided about placing a certain amount of money in the Estimates, so that Canada may be represented at the International Exhibition to be held in France in 1878?

Mr. *Delorme*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all papers and correspondence about the necessity of further legislature for the organization and maintenance of Deposit and Savings Banks to replace the present Post Office Savings Banks in all the large cities of the Dominion, the said Deposit Banks being under the sole control of the Dominion Government, so as to afford greater security to Depositors, and better advantages to the public and the Government.

Mr. *Delorme*—On Wednesday next—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILL No. 60 to amend the Insolvent Act and the Act amending the same, the following amendment :—" That all the words of the 29th clause of the said Act to be struck out, up to the words 'No creditors shall,' and the following substituted instead thereof: 'The Official Assignee appointed for a District shall be the Assignee of the Estate in all cases of Insolvency in the said District, and such Assignee, after proof of negligence or dereliction of duty may, on the application of a creditor, be removed by the Court or Judge, and another appointed in his stead by the said Court or Judge.' "

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland)—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. That it is expedient to amend *The Pilotage Act of* 1875, by providing that steamships employed in trading from port to port in the same Province, as well as those employed in trading between any one or more of the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island, and any other or others of them, or between any port or ports in the said Provinces or any of them, and the Port of New York or any port of the United States of America on the Atlantic, North of New York, shall be exempt from payment of Pilotage dues except only in the Ports of Halifax and Pictou, as respects each of which the Pilotage Authorities, with the approval of the Governor in Council, from time to time, may determine what steamships shall or shall not be wholly or partially exempt from such payment;—and that no clearance shall be granted at any port where there is Pilotage Authority to any steamship on which such dues are payable until they shall have been paid or settled.

2. That it is expedient to provide that the tonnage of all steamships registered in Canada shall be ascertained by the same rules, and that steamships registered under the repealed Act, chapter 41 of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, shall be re-measured and their tonnage ascertained by the rules prescribed in the Imperial Act known as *The Merchant Shipping Act*, 1854, as other steamships registered in Canada now are.

Mr. *Cimon*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to construct a wharf at Ste. Anne du Saguenay, on the River Saguenay?

Mr. *Orton*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—What were the causes which led to the dismissal of Mr. *Wm. Cornock* from the Postmastership of Erin in the County of Wellington?

Mr. *Orton*—On Wednesday next—That an Order of this House do issue for copies of all correspondence and papers in reference to the dismissal of Mr. *Wm. Cornock* from the Postmastership of Erin Village in the County of Wellington.

Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew)—On Wednesday next—That an Order of this House do issue for the Engineer's Report of the Surveys of the Bonnechère or other possible route of the Canada Central extension.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for all letters, telegrams, accounts and other papers which have passed between *Robert Moffat*, of Dalhousie, N.B., and the Government of the Dominion or any of its members or officers, in respect to the transport of cargoes of Rails and other Railway materials from the vessels "Colonist," "Bessie Parker" and "Stabstadt," which vessels arrived at the Port of Dalhousie in the summer of 1875; also communications with the Masters of said Vessels in reference to said materials, and more especially the communications between Mr. *Peter Grant*, District Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway and the said *Robert Moffat*—also copies of the charter parties under which the said vessels carried said cargoes—also copies of all contracts or agreements for the transport and delivery of the cargoes of said Vessels from the port of delivery at Dalhousie to Campbelltown.

Mr. *Pope* (Queens)—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for return of Tenders received for semi-weekly and tri-weekly mail service between Montague Bridge and Beach Point, Murray Harbour South, the name of each tenderer and amount of tender.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of a certain report made against the Postmaster of Montmagny, *Jean Stanislas Vallée*, Esquire, in connection with a pretended enquiry held by *Achille Talbot*, Esquire, Deputy Inspector of Post Offices for the District of Quebec, and of all papers, documents and correspondence thereunto relating.

Mr. *Cameron*—On Wednesday next—That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate requesting that Honorable Body to transmit for the information of this House a Copy of the Report made by a Select Committee of that Honorable House during the Session of 1875, on the subject of the construction of booms, piers and other works on the Gatineau.

PRIVATE BILL NOTICE.

The following Bill was this day posted for consideration by the *Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, on or after Wednesday, the 28th instant:*—

No. 93. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell.*"

No. 32.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

On motion of Mr. *Workman*, the two following Bills from the Senate, were read the first time and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz :—*

No. 99, intituled : " An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company."

No. 100, intituled : " An Act to incorporate the Canada Traffic Company."

On motion of Mr. *Jones* (Halifax), the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 30 to incorporate " The Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia," were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

The Bill No. 66 to repeal certain Laws making Breaches of Contracts criminal, and to provide for the punishment of certain Breaches of Contract, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.—The Bill, as amended, to be considered, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 83 to amend the Acts relating to the Inspection of Steamboats, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Resolution, adopted in Committee of the Whole, on the 20th instant, declaring it expedient to amend the Acts for the improvement and management of the Harbour of Quebec, and the Pilotage Act of 1873, was reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Acts for the improvement and management of the Harbour of Quebec, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873," (1) By altering the rates payable on tow boats and steamers plying in or to the Harbour of Quebec, and making better provision for ensuring the payment of the Harbour dues; (2) By empowering the Harbour Commissioners to impose penalties not exceeding $100 or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days for infraction of their by-laws; (3) By enabling the Commissioners in their discretion to fine a Pilot not exceeding $100, instead of suspending or dismissing him for certain offences; and (4) By authorizing the Commissioners to substitute rates per ton weight or measurement for those now imposed, or otherwise to commute the same, but not to exceed the amounts now authorized except with the consent of the Governor in Council.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill No. 82 to authorize the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway to the person or Company, constructing a line of Railway from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, and providing a proper ferry across the Strait, being read;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, that the said Bill be now read the second time; which was agreed to on a division.

The Bill was accordingly read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 87 respecting the Boundaries of the Province of Manitoba, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 19 to amend, and to consolidate as amended, the Acts respecting the Customs, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole; and progress having been made, the Committee rose, and obtained leave to sit again, *to-morrow*.

The House then adjourned at 15 minutes to 12 o'clock, P. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Roy*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Ministry to provide, in whole or in part, for the maintenance of the School of Navigation which has recently been established at the Port of Quebec by the Local Government of the Province of Quebec, for the theoretical education of young sailors?

Mr. *Benoit*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all papers relating to the abolition of the fisheries in the Rapids of the Richelieu, in front of the Village of the Canton of Chambly; of the report of the fishery overseer and of all correspondence of the Government with the proprietors of the said fisheries, and with any other person in relation thereto.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland)—On Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to transfer the control, management and maintenance, as respects ordinary affairs, of all harbors, wharves, piers and breakwaters being the property of the Dominion, except those under the management of Commissioners appointed under an Act of the Parliament of Canada, and the harbors of St. John, N.B., and Pictou, from the Department of Public Works to that of Marine and Fisheries, the construction and ordinary repairs remaining under the control of the Department first named; and to empower the Governor in Council, from time to time, on the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to make, alter or rescind rules and regulations for the management and a tariff or tariffs of tolls and dues for the use of the said works respectively, and to impose penalties for contravention of such rules and regulations;—such tolls and penalties to belong to Her Majesty for the public uses of the Dominion.

Mr. *Borron*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion or any Department thereof and the Government of Ontario, in reference to the claim of the Indians on the North Shores of Lakes Huron and Superior to arrears of annuity under the "*Robinson*" Treaties.

Mr. *Irving*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to make provision for the more effectual securing the observance by Railway Companies of the Law requiring equality of treatment in the management of Traffic and imposition of rates and tolls; and more especially the due observance of the requirements of sub-section 2 of section 48—and of section 12 of the Railway Act of 1868; and to vest in the Exchequer Court of *Canada*, the power necessary for enforcing such observance.

No. 33.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The Petition of *Pierre Blanchet*, and others, of the County of Montmagny, Province of Quebec, was read and received; praying for the repeal or amendments of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 21 to amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, chapter 57, respecting Permanent Building Societies in Ontario, *without amendment*.

And the two following Bills *with amendments, viz :—*

No. 20. To amend the Act of Incorporation of the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited.)

No. 29. To amend the Act passed in the 39th year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited)."

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the two following Bills, amended by the Senate, and have agreed to report the said amendments, *without amendment, viz :—*

No. 14. To amend the several Acts incorporating the Montreal, Portland, and Boston Railway Company.

No. 25. To amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.

And the Bill No. 48 to grant additional powers to the Albert Railway Company, *with amendments*.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee carefully considered the following documents, and recommend that they *be printed, viz.:*—

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments concerning the exercising the power of disallowance of Provincial Acts.—(*In Sessional Papers only.*)

Evidence of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the administration of Justice in the District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec.—(*In the Appendix to the Journals only.*)

Order of the House,—Shewing the amount of the revenue paid by each Province of the Dominion, and the expenditures made therein during the past five years, &c., &c.

Return to Address,---Correspondence between the Dominion, United States and Imperial Governments, respecting the navigation of American Canals and Rivers, &c.---(*Condensed.*)

Order of the House,—Quantities and value of coal imported into the Dominion of Canada for the six months ending 31st December, 1876.

Return to Address,—Correspondence, &c., on the subject of the duty imposed on Canadian ships sold in France, &c.

The Committee would also recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz* :—

Order of the House,—Correspondence, &c., relating to property on the Marsh Road in the County of St. John, N.B., alleged to have been damaged by fire from Locomotives on Intercolonial Railway.

Order of the House,—Correspondence between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or a Department of the Intercolonial Railway and the Phœnixville Iron Company, in relation to any offers for bridge superstructure, &c.

Order of the House,—Statement shewing the various tariffs for the carriage of freight on the Intercolonial Railway, in operation since 1st January, 1875.

Order of the House,—Statement as to the arrangement between the Government and the Pullman Palace Car Company, by which their cars are run on the Intercolonial Railway, &c.

Order of the House,—Statement giving a full epitome of all offers, &c., from June, 1875, to December, 1876, to any authorized officer of the Intercolonial Railway, for wheels, axles, springs, &c.

Order of the House,—Correspondence relating to the distribution of Half-breed lands in the Province of Manitoba.

Order of the House,—Return of all lands surrendered by the Dominion Government to the Government of Manitoba, for road purposes.

Order of the House, relating to the destruction by force of the Dominion Dam on Devil Lake, in the County of Addington, &c.

Order of the House,—Contracts with the Government for the execution of work at the Citadel of Quebec in 1874 and 1875, &c., &c.

Order of the House,—Return of all special rates for the conveyance of freight over the Railways in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, &c., &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence relating to the working of the Act on Weights and Measures.

Copies of Contracts entered into for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with statement of sums expended in conformity to the provisions of the Act 37 *Vict.*, Chap. 14, Sec. 19.

Order of the House,—Correspondence on the subject of building Ingonish Harbour, &c.

Return to Address, relating to the tenders for the mail service for 1876, on Lakes Huron and Superior between the ports on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay.

Order of the House,—Return of the accounts of the Dominion Notes of the denominations of one and two dollars, payable in Victoria, and forwarded by Government to the Assistant Receiver-General for British Columbia, &c.

Order of the House,—Cost of the erection of the Lighthouse at the Harbour of Refuge at Rondeau, &c.

Order of the House,—Supplementary Return—Correspondence between the Government and the Censitaires of the Seigniory of *Nicolas Rioux*, in the County of Rimouski, in the matter of the tax they pay to the Seigniors.

Annual Return shewing the average number of the Dominion Police employed during each month of the year.

Order of the House,—Instructions issued from the Inland Revenue Department to its officers at what time the additional duty on Malt was to take place.

Order of the House,—Correspondence between the Government and the Tobique Indians relating to the appointment of a resident Agent.

Return to Address,—Correspondence as to placing the Dominion of Canada in as favorable a position as any foreign country under the provisions of the Postal Union made at Berne on the 9th October, 1874.

Order of the House,—Shewing cost of the Steamer "Northern Light" and expenditure in connection therewith.

Return to Address,—Correspondence affecting Merchant Shipping, and Instructions given to Mr. *Wm Smith*, Deputy of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, on his recent mission to England, &c.

Return to Address respecting the opening up of Steam Communication in the Winter Season between Prince Edward Island and the Main land, &c.

Order of the House,—Correspondence relating to the dredging improvements and deepening of the Horse Shoe Bar Channel, at the entrance of the Miramichi River, &c.

Order of the House,—Reports and plan of "Arichat West Breakwater," in the County of Richmond, N.S.

Return to Address, relating to the Smelt Fisheries in the Harbour of Bathurst, &c.

Order of the House,—Returns from Pilotage Authorities of Cape Breton for 1876, shewing the names of all Pilots and the amount paid to each, &c.

Order of the House,—Return of the Harbour Master for the Port of Little Glace Bay, N.S., for the year ending 31st December, 1876, shewing the amount of fees collected, &c.

Order of the House,—Statement shewing the extent and character of the works carried on in the improvement of the Toronto Harbour during the past year, &c.

Order of the House,—Correspondence between the Government and the Council of the County of Carleton, respecting a Bridge over the By-Wash at Long Island.

Order of the House,—Correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the Engineer in charge of the Culbute Canal in reference to the petition of *Elizabeth Sullivan*, praying for compensation for damages.

Order of the House,—Reports and plans of Port Hood Harbour in the County of Inverness, by Engineers under direction of Dominion Government.

Order of the House,—Correspondence between the Government and the Council of the County of Carleton, respecting a bridge across Rideau River, at the Village of Wellington.

Order of the House,—Reports on the improvements of the Navigation of the St. John River, N.B., since June, 1871, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence since last Session between the Federal and the Quebec Governments concerning the Judicial Staff of the District of Montreal.

On motion of Mr. *Holton* it was *Ordered*, That the several Bills reported this day, by the Select Standing Committees on Banking and Commerce,—and on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be placed on the Orders of the Day, *for to-day*.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented, Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 7th instant; for a Statement as exact as possible, shewing the amount paid by each Steamboat, to the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, during the season 1875-6, for wharfage dues,—together with the name and length of such Steamboat.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,—and Addresses voted to His Excellency the Governor General, *viz*:—

By Mr. *Rochester*—Order of The House, for copies of all correspondence between the Government, and the Contractor for the construction of the Dam, Lock, and Slide on the Ottawa River at Carrillon; also the amount of the contract price for said work; and copies of the correspondence between the Engineer and the Contractor.

By Mr. *Pope* (Queens, P.E.I.)—Order of The House, for a Return of all monies paid for legal services, or legal expenses in Prince Edward Island, from 1st January, 1874, to the present time;—shewing when paid,—to whom paid,—and for what services.

Also,—Address to His Excellency, for a Return shewing the names of all Government Officials in Prince Edward Island, specifying nature of office held by each, date of appointment, and amount of salary.

By Mr. *Pope* (Compton)—Address to His Excellency, for copies of papers and correspondence on the subject of the closing of the Post Office, in the vicinity of the church *St. Jean L'Evangeliste de la Nouvelle*.

By Mr. *Bowman*—Order of The House, for a Statement setting forth the total number of Newspapers and other periodicals in each County and City of the Dominion which have paid postage on papers sent from "the office of publication," with the total revenue raised therefrom during the past year.—The Statement to be made in the same form as the one brought down last Session

By Mr. *Rochester*—Order of The House, for Returns shewing the number of Illicit Stills seized by the Revenue Officers of the Dominion in 1873, 1874 and 1875; giving the dates when the different seizures were made, where made, and the estimated value of the property seized.

By Mr. *Hagar*—Order of The House, for copies of all Reports of Engineers or correspondence respecting the existence and cause of the greater rise in the waters of the sixty mile level of the River Ottawa, between the Chaudiere Falls and the Long Sault Rapids, than the levels below and above those points, as set forth in the petitions to this House of certain inhabitants of the Counties of Ottawa, Prescott and Russell.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin*, having presented the Indenture of his Election for the Electoral District of

Charlevoix, and having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in The House.

On motion of Mr *Mackenzie* it was *Resolved*, That in admitting the Hon. *Hector L. Langevin*, C.B., elected to represent the Electoral District of Charlevoix, to take his seat on the production of the Duplicate Indenture only, and without the Return of the Indenture of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and the Certificate of the latter Officer, this House still recommends a strict adherence to the practice of requiring the production of the usual Certificate.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,—and Addresses ordered to His Excellency the Governor General, *viz*:—

By Mr. *Pope* (Queens, P.E.I.)—Order of The House, for a Return shewing amounts paid for printing for all services done in Prince Edward Island, during the year 1874, 1875 and 1876 respectively, the nature of the work done and the names of the persons who performed such work.

By Mr. *Robitaille*—Order of The House, for copies of all correspondence, reports, papers and records, respecting the renewal of the contract for the transportation of the mail between Campbellton and Paspebiac, nearly six months before the expiration of the said contract, and without tenders being called for; and also for copies of the contract.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency, for copies of all Correspondence between the Department of Customs and any Customs House Officer respecting any application for permission to be a candidate for any corporate office between the dates following, that is to say, 1st July, 1875, and 1st January, 1877.

Mr. *Cook* moved in amendment, that the words: "1st July, 1875 ' be left out in the said motion, and the words: "1st June, 1873," be inserted instead thereof.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion, as well as the main motion were, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *Baby*—Order of the House, for copies of all the correspondence, letters and telegrams, between the Government and the proprietors of the lands in the neighbourhood of the proposed enlargement of the Lachine Canal from the first of March, 1875, up to the 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all the orders given to the Engineers to furnish information to such proprietors, and of all applications of said proprietors for information made either to the Government, to the Engineers or to the Department of Public Works, as to the quantity of land required for such enlargement between the same dates, 1st March, 1875, and 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all offers, proposals and arrangements submitted by the said proprietors to the Government, to the Engineers or to the Department of Public Works—and of all offers, proposals and arrangements submitted by the Government, the Engineers, or the Department of Public Works, to the said proprietors, between the said dates of the 1st March, 1875, and 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all reports made by arbitrators or valuators on the value of the lands of such riparian proprietors on the said Canal, within the said period, from 1st March, 1875, to 10th March, 1877;—also of all reports made by the Engineers to the Government, or to the Department of Public Works, on the value of the said lands, and on the offers, proposals or arrangements made or proposed by such proprietors to the Government, or by the Government to such proprietors, within the said period, from the 1st March, 1875, to 10th March, 1877;—also copies of all contracts entered into between such proprietors and the Government, or the Department of Public Works, in relation to the lands required for the enlargement of the Lachine Canal, between the 1st March, 1875, and the 10th March, 1877.

By Mr. *Goudge*—Address to His Excellency, for copies of any correspondence that may have passed during the past three years between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of this Dominion relative to the abolition of Light dues upon Canadian shipping.

By Mr. *Cunningham*—Address to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Local Government of British Columbia, relative to the appointment of a County Court Judge for the District of New Westminster in place of *Arthur T. Bushby* deceased.

By Mr. *Caron*—Order of the House, for copies of correspondence between the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, and the Dominion Government, relating to the rule in existence, in regard to unprepaid letters.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz*:—

No. 75. To extend the Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs, to the Provinces of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

No. 34. To amend the Act to incorporate "The Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company."

No. 77. To provide for the safe custody of Prisoners, in places where the Common Gaols become temporarily insecure.

No. 76. To amend the Railway Act, 1868.

Also,—Agreeing to the Bill No. 45 to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company, *with amendments*.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and *concurred in*.

7:30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called on Rule* 19.)

The Order of the Day, for the House to go into Committee on the Whole on the Bill No. 84 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Walter Scott*," being read;

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that The House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill; which was agreed to on a division.

The House accordingly went into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, and reported the same, *without amendment*.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time; which was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Dymond,	Macmillan,	Plumb,
Bertram,	Fleming,	McCallum,	Robinson,
Blain,	Fraser,	McCarthy,	Ross (*Durham*),
Blake,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McCraney,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Borron,	Gillies,	McGregor,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bowell,	Greenway,	McQuade,	Rymal,
Bowman,	Hagar,	Metcalfe,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Brouse,	Kerr,	Mills,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Buell,	Kirkpatrick,	Mitchell,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burk,	Little,	Moffat,	Trow,
Charlton,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Monteith,	Vail,
Christie,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Norris,	Wood,
Cockburn,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Oliver,	Workman.
Cook,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Paterson,	Young.—58.
DeCosmos,	Mackenzie,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Cimon,	Jetté,	Pinsonneault,
Béchard,	Colby,	Lajoie,	Pope (*Compton*),
Benoit,	Costigan,	Langevin,	Robillard,
Bernier,	Currier,	Lanthier,	Robitaille,
Bourassa,	Daoust,	Laurier,	Rouleau,
Boyer,	Donahue,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	St. Jean,
Caron,	Fiset,	Masson,	Taschereau,
Casgrain,	Fréchette,	Montplaisir,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Cauchon,	Gaudet,	Ouimet,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—39.
Cheval.	Hurteau,	Perry,	

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that the Bill do now pass; which was agreed to on the same division.

The Order of the Day for the House to go into Committee of the Whole on the Bill No. 85 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Mary Jane Bates*," being read;

Mr. *Trow* moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill; which was agreed to on a division.

The House accordingly went into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, and reported the same, *without amendment*.

Mr. *Trow* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time; which was agreed to on the following division :----

YEAS:

Messieurs

Archibald,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Norris,
Bertram,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Oliver,
Blain,	Fleming,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Paterson,
Blake,	Flesher,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Plumb,
Borron,	Fraser,	Mackenzie,	Robinson,
Bowell,	Galbraith,	Macmillan,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bowman,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McCallum,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Brouse,	Gibson,	McCarthy,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Brown,	Gillies,	McCraney,	Rymal,
Buell,	Gillmor,	McGregor,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burk,	Greenway,	McNab,	Thompson (*Cariboo*)
Burpee (*St. John*),	Guthrie,	McQuade,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Hagar,	Metcalfe,	Trow,
Charlton,	Haggart,	Mills,	Vail,
Christie,	Kerr,	Mitchell,	Wood,
Cockburn,	Kirkpatrick,	Moffat,	Workman,
Cook,	Little,	Monteith,	Young.—69.
Cunningham,			

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Cimon,	Jetté,	Perry,
Barthe,	Colby,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Pinsonneault,
Béchard,	Costigan,	Lajoie,	Pope (*Compton*),
Benoit,	Coupal,	Langevin,	Robillard,
Bernier,	Daoust,	Lanthier,	Robitaille,
Blanchet,	Donahue,	Laurier,	Rouleau,
Bourassa,	Fiset,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	St. Jean,
Boyer,	Fréchette,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Taschereau,
Caron,	Gaudet,	Masson,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Casgrain,	Gill,	Montplaisir,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Cauchon,	Hurteau,	Ouimet,	Wright (*Pontiac*) —45.
Cheval,			

The Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Mr. *Trow* moved, that the Bill do now pass; which was agreed to on the same division.

The Bill No. 44 to amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Maskinongé*, was considered in Committee of the Whole; and after some progress having been made, the Committee rose, and obtained leave to sit again, *to-morrow*.

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time and passed, *viz* :—

No. 26. To vest the property and powers of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company, in *Joseph Harris McClellan*.

No. 12. To grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited).

No. 20. To amend the Act of Incorporation of the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited).

No. 29. To amend the Act passed in the 39th year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited)."

No. 48. To grant additional powers to the Albert Railway Company.

The amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 25 to amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company, were taken into consideration, and *concurred in*.

The Bill No. 98 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Coteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Act," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The two following Bills, from the Senate, were read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, *viz:*—

No. 99, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company."

No. 100, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Canada Traffic Company."

(*The Order for Public Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The two following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow, viz:*—

No. 70. To preserve to the Electors of the Village of Stouffville the continuance of their representation in Parliament.

No. 21. To amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 57, respecting Permanent Building Societies in Ontario.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, *viz.:*—

No. 54. To authorize the construction of Water Works by Joint Stock Companies.

No. 4. To repeal the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 49, intituled: "An Act to authorize Corporations and Institutions incorporated without the limits of Canada, to lend and invest monies therein."

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Blain's* proposed motion, and which motion was:—

"That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for Returns shewing the increased quantities between 12 and 14 feet depth of water in the Welland Canal, and also the St. Lawrence Canals and Rivers, in the following materials, namely,

Masonry,
Dredging,
Earth Excavations,
Rock Cutting { 1 above water,
2 below water,
Timber,
Plank;

Also the Prices upon which the Calculations in the Engineers Reports are based;

Also, the soundings of the River and Lakes which have been made for the purpose of obtaining 14 feet of water."

And the question being put; it was agreed to, and the Order issued accordingly.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to Address of 26th instant; for copies of all papers connected with the awarding of section fifteen of the Canada Pacific Railway, including copies for advertisements for tenders,—all tenders sent in with the names of the parties tendering, and the names of all sureties offered, and the amount of such tenders; a statement of all sums of money deposited at the time of tendering or subsequently, as security in part or in whole for the performance of said contract, and whether such sums or any portion of them have been returned and to whom; all telegrams and correspondence with parties tendering, or with any other parties in relation to the tenders or to the contractors, all protests fyled by parties tendering or by any other parties in respect of such contracts, all reports to Council by the Minister of Public Works, and Minutes of Council referring to the said tenders and contracts, also copies of contracts for such section number fifteen of the said Canada Pacific Railway, and of any order of the Department of Public Works or Minutes of Council altering the terms of the said contracts or extending the time for the completion of the same.

The House then adjourned at 11.10 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blake*—In Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 60.)—An Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875 and the Act in amendment thereof—The amendments shewn in the Reprint distributed.

Mr. *J. B. Robinson*—On Monday next—Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution: That it is expedient to provide that so far as the concurrence of the Parliament of Canada may be necessary for the purpose, the Legislature of the Province of Ontario or of the Province of Quebec, shall be authorized and empowered to provide that the votes of the Electors under the Act of the late Province of Canada, 27, 28, *Vict.* Chap. 18, therein, called "*The Temperance Act*," and commonly known as "The Dunkin Act," shall be given by ballot in such manner as the Provincial Legislature may direct, subject to such provisions and changes only as may be deemed necessary for the purpose, but retaining all the provisions of the Act which are not inconsistent with the voting by ballot.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Monday next—Order of House for a Return of all fees paid by the Government of Canada to, and the names of all Counsel, Solicitors, or Attornies employed in connection with the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Northern Railway; also the names of all Counsel, Solicitors or Attornies that have been employed at Toronto by the Dominion Government or by any Department or Head of Department of said Government, and a statement of all fees paid to such persons by the Government or received by them from other parties for fees or services in connection with the business of the Government of Canada.

PRIVATE BILLS' NOTICE.

The following Bills, *from the Senate*, were this day posted for consideration by the respective Committees *on or after Saturday the* 31*st instant*:—

To the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

No. 98, intituled: "An Act to amend the Coteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Act."

To the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

No. 99, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company."

No. 100, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Traffic Company."

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

On motion of Mr. *Holton* it was *Resolved*, That in consequence of his being incapacitated by severe illness to attend to his duties in this House, leave of absence be granted to *B. Devlin*, Esq., Member for the Electoral Division of Montreal Centre, and that his Sessional indemnity be computed and paid, as for the whole Session.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for a copy of the Report of the Government Engineer, on the practicability of opening *Aspy Bay Harbor, Victoria*, so as to admit vessels of certain tonnage, in the year 1872.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 7th April, 1876; for copies of all tenders received for the construction of Contract No. 15 Canadian Pacific Railway; also all correspondence with reference thereto, together with copies of instructions, if any, issued by the Department of Public Works to the Engineer in charge, having reference to said contract.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 5th instant; for a Return shewing the number of Post Office and Custom House buildings owned by the Dominion, designating those built since 1867; the names of the Cities and Towns where the same are situate, with the population of each at the last census, and the amount of Customs, Post Office and Inland Revenue respectively, collected at each place during the years 1875 and 1876.

Also,—Return to Address of the 15th ultimo; for copies of any Orders in Council and of all correspondence which has taken place between the officer in charge of the Government Railways or his Traffic Superintendent and the Minister of Customs, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the Minister of Public Works in regard to the appointment of Mr. *James McAlister* to the position of Cashier of the Intercolonial Railway, the creation of the office of Dominion Auditor at Moncton, the transfer of Mr. *McAlister* thereto, the appointment of Mr. *Charles D. Thompson*, to the position of Cashier, the subsequent removal of Mr. *Thompson*, the abolition of the office of Dominion Auditor and the reappointment of Mr. *James McAlister* to the office of Cashier; also in regard to the subsequent provision made for Mr. *Thompson*.

Also,—Return to Address of the 19th instant; for copies of all correspondence by telegraph or otherwise respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimault since July 1874, be laid before this House.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th instant; for copies of all Petitions and correspondence respecting the grant by the Dominion Government of a sum of money, to assist in the construction of the Railway, from Quebec to Lake St. John.

A Message was received from the Senate with the following Bill of their own, No. 101 intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to make further provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies, carrying on business in the Province of Ontario," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Mr. *Wood*, the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Monday next.*)

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 46 to incorporate the Union Atlantic Cable Company, *with amendments.* (On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the said amendments were read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on *Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines*).

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, *with amendments, viz :—*

No. 58. To change the name of the Dominion Building Society to "The City Mortgage and Loan Company," and for other purposes.

No. 61. To incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited);" and

No. 33. To incorporate "*La Société de Construction St. Jacques,*" as a Permanent Building Society; and for other purposes.

Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered Bill No. 93 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holwell;*" also the examination, evidence and all vouchers adduced before the Select Committee appointed by the Senate, to whom the said Bill was referred, and have agreed to report the Bill, *without amendment.*

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Resolved*, That when this House adjourns at this sitting, it shall stand adjourned *until Monday next.*

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, the time for the reception of Reports of Committees upon Private Bills, was further extended for one week.

On motion of Mr. *Blain*, the Bill No. 97 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited)," was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, on *Monday next.*

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 26th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Post Office Inspector at Halifax and other Post Office officials, with reference to the loss of a Mail bag between Truro and Halifax, on or about the 14th December last, and which contained two or more registered letters containing sums of money, with all correspondence with reference to the loss of said money.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to amend *The Pilotage Act of* 1875, by providing that steamships employed in trading from port to port in the same Province, as well as those employed in trading between any one or more of the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island, and any other or others of them, or between any port or ports in the said Provinces or any of them, and the Port of New York or any port of the United States of America on the Atlantic, North of New York, shall be exempt from payment of Pilotage dues except only in the Ports of Halifax and Pictou, as respects each of which the Pilotage Authorities, with the approval of the Governor in Council, from time to time, may determine what steamships shall or shall not be wholly or partially exempt from such payment;—and that no clearance shall be granted at any port where there is Pilotage Authority to any steamship on which such dues are payable until they shall have been paid or settled.

2. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to provide that the tonnage of all steamships registered in Canada shall be ascertained by the same rules, and that steamships registered under the repealed Act, Chapter 41 of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, shall be re-measured and their tonnage ascertained by the rules prescribed in the Imperial Act known as *The Merchant Shipping Act*, 1854, as other steamships registered in Canada now are.

Also,—*on Tuesday next*, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to transfer the control, management and maintenance, as respects ordinary repairs of all harbors, wharves, piers and breakwaters being the property of the Dominion, except those under the management of Commissioners appointed under an Act of the Parliament of Canada, and the harbors of St. John, N.B., and Pictou, from the Department of Public Works to that of Marine and Fisheries, the construction and extraordinary repairs remaining under the control of the Department first named; and to empower the Governor in Council, from time to time, on the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to make, alter or rescind rules and regulations for the management and a tariff or tariffs of tolls and dues for the use of the said works respectively, and to impose penalties for contravention of such rules and regulations;—such tolls and penalties to belong to Her Majesty for the public uses of the Dominion.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 82 to authorize the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway to the person or Company, constructing a line of Railway from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, and providing a proper ferry across the Strait, being read ;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Mitchell* moved in amendment, that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to add to Clause 1, the following proviso :—

" Provided always that there is hereby reserved to the Government of Canada, free of cost, the absolute right and free use of the said Railway for the purpose of transporting coal or other supplies and materials, required for the maintenance and working of the Intercolonial or other Government Railways ; " which was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Benoit,	Farrow,	Lanthier,	Monteith,
Bernier,	Ferguson,	Little,	Montplaisir,
Blanchet,	Flesher,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Palmer,
Bowell,	Fraser,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Plumb,
Caron,	Gaudet,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Cimon,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Macmillan,	Roy,
Colby,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McCallum,	Stephenson,
Costigan,	Haggart,	McCarthy,	Thompson (*Cariboo*)
Cuthbert,	Jones (*Leeds*),	McQuade,	White (*Hastings*),
Daoust,	Kirkpatrick,	Mitchell,	White (*Renfrew*),
Dewdney,	Langevin,	Moffat,	Wright (*Pontiac*) —44.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Horton,	Norris,
Archibald,	Cockburn,	Huntington,	Oliver,
Béchard,	Coupal,	Kerr,	Paterson,
Bertram,	Cunningham,	Killam,	Perry,
Biggar,	Davies,	Kirk,	Pettes,
Blackburn,	Dawson,	Laflamme,	Pouliot,
Blain,	DeCosmos,	Lajoie,	Power,
Blake,	DeVeber,	Laurier,	Ray,
Borden,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Richard,
Borron,	Ferris,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bourassa,	Fiset,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Ryan,
Bowman,	Fleming,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Scatcherd,
Brouse,	Flynn,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Short,
Brown,	Galbraith,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Peel*),
Bunster,	Gillies,	McCraney,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burk,	Goudge,	McGregor,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Greenway,	McIntyre,	Trow,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Guthrie,	McIsaac,	Tupper,
Carmichael,	Hagar,	McLeod,	Vail,
Cartwright,	Hall,	McNab,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Casey,	Higinbotham,	Metcalfe,	Wood,
Charlton,	Holton,	Mills,	Young.—88.

The main motion was then agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed on a division.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday last, to the Bill No. 66 to repeal certain Laws making breaches of contract of service criminal, and to provide for the punishment of certain breaches of contract, were reported and agreed to.

Mr. *Blake* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *White* (Renfrew) moved in amendment, that the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to amend the said Bill, by striking out of the first section the following words :— " all those parts of sections, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of the Act, Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, intituled : " An Act respecting Master and Servant" ; which was negatived on a division.

The main motion was then agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 41 to establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.—The Bill, as amended, to be taken into consideration, *on Tuesday next.*

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, to make provision for the payment of the cost of transport of the Active Militia when called out in aid of the civil power, etc.

(In Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to make provision for the payment of the cost of transport of the Active Militia when called out in aid of the civil power, and also to provide that the reasonable cost of calling out the Active Militia in certain cases in aid of the civil power may be in whole or part reimbursed out of monies to be provided by Parliament.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Blake* then introduced a Bill No. 102 to make further provision for the payment of the Active Militia, when called out in certain cases in aid of the Civil Power; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Tuesday next.*

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 21st instant; for Copies of the Commission or other document appointing *John Mowat* a Fishery Officer in the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, and also all regulations or instructions defining his powers or the limits of his jurisdiction, and all instructions if any to him to seize the Boats fishing beyond three miles from the sea shore.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 21st instant; for Returns of the number of persons who have obtained Licences or permission from the Department of Marine and Fisheries to erect Deep Sea Weirs or Pounds for the purpose of capturing Fish at the Head-lands or Capes of the Maritime Provinces.

The amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 56 for the prevention of Gambling Practices in certain public conveyances, were taken into consideration.

On motion of Mr. *Blake,* the said amendments were amended as follows:—

That the amendment to the third section be concurred in, and that the said amended section be further amended, by inserting after the word "for" in the first line thereof the words "and it shall be the duty of,"—and by inserting after the word "Master" in the same line, the words: "or superior officer in charge of, and for any"—and to amend the amendment made to the fifth section, by striking out all the words in the said amendment after "and," and inserting in lieu thereof the words following:—"Any conductor, master, or superior officer in charge, who makes default in the discharge of any duty imposed on him by the third section, shall on conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace be liable to a penalty of not less than twenty or more than one hundred dollars."

The amendments, as amended, being read a second time, were agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Blake,* a Message was sent to the Senate, to acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their amendments to the foregoing Bills, *with amendments,* to which their concurrence, was desired.

The Bill No. 94 to provide for the employment without the walls of Common Gaols, of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment therein, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next.*

The Bill No. 95 for the repression of Betting and Pool-selling, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next.*

The Bill No. 96 to amend the Post Office Act, 1875, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *on Tuesday next.*

The Bill No. 86 to amend "An Act to impose License Dues on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *on Tuesday next.*

The Bill No. 91 to amend an "Act respecting the Inland Revenue," was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *on Tuesday next.*

The Bill No. 90 respecting Tolls in the Harbor of Montreal, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 67 to amend the Law respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading *on Tuesday next.*

The Bill No. 74 to amend the North West Territories Act, 1875, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *on Tuesday next.*

The House then adjourned at 11.40 o'clock P.M., *until Monday next.*

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Dewdney*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for any correspondence between the Local and Dominion Governments during 1876, with reference to the adjustment of Indian Lands in British Columbia.

Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew)—On Tuesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying that he may cause to be laid before this House a copy of all Orders in Council relating to the route of the Canada Central Extension and the contract for building that portion of Railway.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Return of all Emigrants and others transported over the *Dawson* Route during the season of 1876, and the cost of the maintenance of the Road during the said season; also the total expenditure on the Fort Francis Canal up to the 1st January, 1877, the estimated cost of the whole work and the estimated cost of the improvements on the Rainy River necessary to render the Canal of service for the purposes for which it was intended.

Mr. *McCallum*—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Accountant who assisted at the investigation by the Royal Commissioners into the affairs of the Northern Railway Company of Canada made a Report; if so, why said Report was not sent down with the other papers relating to said Company, and whether said Report will now be submitted to the House?

Mr. *Cimon*—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to accede to the Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, the Honorable *J. Thibaudeau* and Messrs. *J. B. Renaud, A. P. Caron, E. Cimon* and others, Citizens of Quebec, addressed to the Honorable the Prime Minister and praying for assistance from the Government for the building of a railway from Quebec to Lake St. John?

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Counties of *Bonaventure* and *Compton*, for the year 1876.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented, Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 15th of February, last; for a statement giving a full account of all accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway since 1st July last giving the locality and cause of each, the damage done, the cost of repairs to stock indemnification to persons for goods damaged or injuries sustained, and the action taken in regard to any dereliction of duty which may have caused such accident.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *Robert Doull* and others, of Pictou; and of *J. N. Freeman* and others, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia; severally setting forth the importance of continuing to provide for the fortnightly mail service between Liverpool and Halifax during the summer months; and praying that the many and varied interests involved may be conserved, and the connection maintained.

The Petition of *James Ritchie*, and others, of the County of Bonaventure, in the Province of Quebec, and others of the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, was read; praying that a subsidy may be granted for a Steamer to ply on the Ferry, known as the "Cross Point and Campbleton Ferry," on the Restigouche River.

And motion being made, that the said Petition be now received;

Mr. Speaker decided,—"That as the granting the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure "of public money,—it cannot be received."

The Bill No. 93 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered on a division for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 97 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited)," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Daoust* moved, that there be laid before this House, Copies of correspondence had in 1875, between the Government and Mr. *B. J. Bertrand* and other persons of the Parish of St. Placide, in the County of Two Mountains, and of all documents sent to the Department of Public Works, during that year, in relation to certain works to be done on the Ottawa River, near the Wharf, built opposite the said Village of St. Placide.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,—and Addresses voted to His Excellency the Governor General, *viz :*—

By Mr. *Daoust :*—Order of The House, for copies of all documents and correspondence in relation to the appointment of a new Postmaster for the Parish of St. Augustin, County of Two Mountains, and to the change in the location of the Post Office of the said Parish, during the year 1875, and until the end of March, 1876.

By Mr. *Perry :*—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all papers and correspondence between the Dominion Government, and the Government of Prince Edward Island, shewing what amount has been paid by this Government for the purchase of lands in Prince Edward Island, in accordance with the Terms of Union ; also the dates at which those payments were made.

By Mr. *Palmer :*—Order of The House, for all papers, reports and correspondence in connection with the dismissal of *J. Murray Nase*, Postmaster, at the mouth of the Neripis, King's Co., N. B.,—also for the petition from the inhabitants in the District in respect to the same.

By Mr. *Lanthier :*—Order of The House, for a Return indicating the names and date of appointment of Harbour Masters at Sorel, St. Johns, Three Rivers and Lachine, in the Province of Quebec, and also giving a detailed account of all fees collected by said Harbour Masters, since the 15th of April, 1875, up to this date, under the authority of 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 30, amending 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 34, together with the names of the ships on which such fees have been levied in each year, and the names of the masters of those ships.

By Mr. *Rochester :*—Order of The House, for a monthly Return of the malt taken out of bond each month from the 1st July, 1876, to the 28th February, 1877.

By Mr. *Perry :*—Order of The House, for a copy of survey, plan, estimates and Report on the improvement of Cascumpee Harbor, in Prince Edward Island, made by *Henry F. Perley*, C.E., in the year, 1874.

By Mr. *Pouliot :*—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for 1st. A statement of debentures issued by the Government of Canada, for the purchase of a building for the Court-house and Gaol of the District of Kamouraska.

2nd. A statement of the cost of the said building, and of the maintenance thereof since.

3rd. A statement of the amounts levied by taxes and of licenses imposed on said district for the building and prison fund, up to the 30th June last.

4th. A statement of the amounts paid on the said debentures and interest, shewing the amount, if any, remaining due on the said debentures, and if there be nothing, then how much has been collected over and above the amount of the said debentures and interest.

By Mr. *Palmer :*—Order of The House, for a Return of all Petitions, papers andcorrespondence had with the Government or any of the Departments, by or from the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, in the Province of New Brunswick, in relation to the necessity of a Breakwater, for the protection of Fishermen, at the Easterly side of Point Escuminac.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, that it be *Resolved*, that it is desirable to establish Life-saving Stations on the West coast of Vancouver Island, on Queen Charlotte's Islands and on the main land of British Columbia, north of Fort Rupert, to succor shipwrecked mariners and to protect their lives against the murderous attacks of Savage tribes of Indians.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

Mr. *Blain* moved, that there be laid before this House, copies of all papers and correspondence, respecting the loss sustained by depositors in the Savings Branch of the *Dundas* Post Office, through the default of the late Postmaster, Mr. *Thornton*.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *Orton :*—Order of The House, for copies of all correspondence and papers in reference to the dismissal of Mr. *Wm. Cornock*, from the Postmastership of *Erin Village*, in the County of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Palmer :*—Order of The House, for all letters, telegrams, accounts and other papers which have passed between *Robert Moffat*, of Dalhousie, N.B., and the Government of the Dominion or any of its members or officers, in respect to the transport of cargoes of Rails and other Railway materials from the vessels "Colonist," "Bessie Parker" and "Stabstadt," which vessels arrived at the Port of Dalhousie in the

summer of 1875; also communications with the Masters of said Vessels in reference to said materials, and more especially the communications between Mr. *Peter Grant*, District Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway and the said *Robert Moffat*—also copies of the charter parties under which the said vessels carried said cargoes—also copies of all contracts or agreements for the transport and delivery of the cargoes of said Vessels from the port of delivery at Dalhousie, to Campbelltown.

By Mr. *Benoit*:—Order of The House, for copies of all papers relating to the abolition of fisheries in the Rapids of the Richelieu, in front of the Village of the Canton of Chambly; of the Report of the fishery overseer, and of all correspondence of the Government with the proprietors of the said fisheries, and with any other person in relation thereto.

Mr. *Borron* moved, that an Address be voted to His Excellency the Governor General, for all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion or any Department thereof, and the Government of Ontario, in reference to the claim of the Indians on the North Shores of Lakes Huron and Superior, to arrears of annuity under the "*Robinson*" Treaties.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *Dewdney*:—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of any correspondence between the Local and the Dominion Governments during 1876, with reference to the adjustment of Indian Lands, in British Columbia.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cook's* motion,—and which motion was, that it be *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for copies of all papers, Orders and Correspondence with the Minister of Public Works, and the Engineer staff of the said Department in connection with the engagement of employees for the Pacific Railroad survey and the routes (if any) they were instructed to take; also correspondence and Orders from the same source to their agents in reference to the carrying of emigrants, Government employees and freight coming under the direct control of the Government by the Sarnia or Collingwood route since 1874.

And the question being put,—it was agreed to, and the Order issued accordingly.

The Bill No. 63 to authorize Municipalities to pass By-Laws to provide means of escape for persons falling into the water, in the vicinity of Wharves and Docks, was read the second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. *Cook*, *Church*, *Appleby*, *Fréchette*, *Baby*, *Macdougall* (Elgin), *Wallace* (Norfolk), *Perry*, *Shibley* and *Cunningham*.

On motion of Mr. *Casey*, the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the present condition of the Civil Service, and the method of nominating and examining candidates for appointments, etc., obtained leave to employ a short-hand writer.

The Bill No. 19 to amend and consolidate as amended, the Acts respecting the Customs, was again considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.—The Bill with the amendments to be taken into consideration, *to-morrow*.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the culling and measuring of timber.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the Act 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 34, respecting the culling and measuring of timber, by repealing the twelfth section thereof, and by authorizing the Governor in Council to fix the number of Cullers to be employed in each Department of the Supervisor's office, the number in the square timber Department not to exceed eighteen; and to grant annuities not exceeding $200 per annum to Cullers employed on 1st May, 1876, and no longer required, or incapacitated by age or infirmity, such annuities to be paid out of any surplus of the Cullers' office, and also so to regulate the charges for services in the Cullers' office, as to give average earnings of seven hundred dollars yearly, to each Culler employed.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to,

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 103 to amend the Act respecting the culling of timber; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the admission of Fish and Fish Oil, inspected in Newfoundland.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to provide, that the Governor in Council, on being satisfied that the Standards of inspection of Fish and Fish-Oil, in Newfoundland, are equal in quality, grade for grade, to those of Canada, may by proclamation so declare,—and that while such proclamation is in force, fish and fish-oil inspected in Newfoundland and being the produce of the fisheries thereof, may be admitted to the Markets of Canada, and otherwise dealt with as if inspected in Canada.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 104, to provide for the admission of Fish and Fish-Oil into Canada, inspected in Newfoundland; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) introduced a Bill No. 105 further to amend the Acts to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbor of *Quebec*, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873;" which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No 36 to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting Insurance, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The House then adjourned at 11.10 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for all papers and correspondence between the Dominion Government or Department of Marine and Fisheries and the British Government or the British Admiralty—or any of its officers or any party acting for either of the above named authorities in relation to the transfer of Portage Island, in the Bay of Miramichi, from the jurisdiction of the British Admiralty to the Dominion Government,—also all reports to Council from the Department of Marine and Fisheries in relation to the same subject and Orders of Council thereon.

Mr. *Irving*—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on Bill (No. 73.)—An Act respecting Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange to add the following clauses thereto:—

3. In the case of a Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange found amongst the securities of a deceased person unstamped, it shall be sufficient in order to give validity thereto for the Executor or administrator or for any other Holder of such note or Bill to affix and cancel double stamps thereon with the date of such cancellation and the Initials of the party cancelling the same.

4. In the case of a suit to recover upon or a defence of set off upon a lost or destroyed Bill or Note where there is no evidence that such Bill or Note had been properly stamped, the Judge may, at the Trial, allow double stamps for the requisite amount to be affixed by or on behalf of the party, Plaintiff or Defendant, as the case may be, to be cancelled and affixed to the Record or to any other paper or proceeding in the cause.

Mr. *Smith* (Selkirk)—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Reports of Engineers and all other correspondence and information in possession of the Government not yet communicated to The House having reference to any actual surveys or proposed survey in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Red River westward, south of Lake Manitoba.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Wednesday next—That in the opinion of this House a Prohibitory Liquor Law is the only effectual remedy for the evil of Intemperance, and that it is the duty of the Government to submit such a measure for the approval of Parliament at the earliest moment practicable.

Mr. *Davis*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries and certain persons engaged or intrusted in the Lobster packing business in reference to the close season established by the Government for the year 1876.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for statement shewing the date of the different payments made and the amount of each payment, towards the Ingonish Harbour contract, and copy of Engineers certificate upon which such payments were made.

Mr. *White* (Renfrew)—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all correspondence and papers relating to the dismissal of *John Harvey* from the position of Slide-master at the Village of Arnprior.

Mr. *Cimon*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for the production of the advertisements for tenders for the conveyance of the Mails between Malbaie and Chicoutimi.

Mr. *Cimon*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for all correspondence respecting the lessening of the number of the Mails between Chicoutimi and L'Anse-au-Foin, in the County of Chicoutimi.

Mr. *J. B. Robinson*—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution: That it is expedient to provide that so far as the concurrence of the Parliament of Canada may be necessary for the purpose, the Legislature of the Province of Ontario or of the Province of Quebec, shall be authorized and empowered to provide that the votes of the Electors under the Act of the late Province of Canada, 27, 28, *Vict.* Chap. 18, therein, called "*The Temperance Act*," and commonly known as "The Dunkin Act," shall be given by ballot in such manner as the Provincial Legislature may direct, subject to such provisions and changes only as may be deemed necessary for the purpose, but retaining all the provisions of the Act which are not inconsistent with the voting by ballot.

Mr. *DeCosmos*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return of all correspondence respecting a Special Tariff for the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for a Return of all fees paid by the Government of Canada to, and the names of all Counsel, Solicitors, or Attornies employed in connection with the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Northern Railway; also the names of all Counsel, Solicitors or Attornies that have been employed at Toronto by the Dominion Government or by any Department or Head of Department of said Government, and a statement of all fees paid to such persons by the Government or received by them from other parties for fees or services in connection with the business of the Government of Canada.

Mr. *Young*—On the motion for the third reading of the Bill (No. 67) to amend the Law respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent,—That the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of inserting after the 94th clause the following sections:—

It shall be lawful for the Company to unite, amalgamate and consolidate its stock, property, business and franchises of any other Company or Society incorporated or chartered to transact a like business, and any other business in connection with such business, or any building, savings or loan company or society heretofore or hereafter incorporated or chartered, or to purchase and acquire the assets of any such company or society, and to enter into all contracts and agreements therewith necessary to such union, amalgamation, consolidation, purchase, or acquisition.

The Directors of the Company, and of any other such company or society, may enter into a joint agreement under the corporate seals of each of the said corporations for the union, amalgamation or consolidation of the said corporations, or for the purchase and acquisition by the Company of the assets of any other such company or Society, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof, the mode of carrying the same into effect, the name of the new corporation, the number of the directors and other officers thereof, and who shall be the first directors and officers thereof, the manner of converting the capital stock of each of the said corporations into that of the new corporation, with such other details as they shall deem necessary to perfect such new organization, and the union, amalgamation and consolidation of the said corporations and the after management and working thereof, or the terms and mode of payment for the assets of any other such company or society purchased or acquired by the Company.

Such agreement shall be submitted to the shareholders of each of the said corporations at a meeting thereof to be held separately for the purpose of taking the same into consideration. Notice of the time and place of such meetings, and the objects thereof, shall be given by written or printed notices addressed to each shareholder of the said corporations respectively, at his last known post office address or place of residence, and also by a general notice to be published in a newspaper published at the chief place of business of such corporations, once a week, for six successive weeks. At such meetings of shareholders such agreement shall be considered, and a vote by ballot taken for the adoption or rejection of the same, each share entitling the holder thereof to one vote, and the said ballots being cast in person or by proxy; and if two-thirds of the votes of all the shareholders of such corporations shall be for the adoption of such agreement, then that fact shall be certified upon the said agreement by the secretary of each of such corporations, under the corporate seals thereof; and if the said agreement shall be so adopted at the respective meetings of the shareholders of each of the said corporations, the agreement so adopted and the said certificates thereon shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the Dominion of Canada, and the said agreement shall from thence be taken and deemed to be the agreement and act of union, amalgamation and consolidation of the said corporations, or the agreement and deed of purchase and acquisition by the Company of the assets of such company so selling, as the case may be, and a copy of such agreement so filed, and of the certificates thereon properly certified, shall be evidence of the existence of such new corporation.

Upon the making and perfecting of the said agreement and act of consolidation, as provided in the next preceding section, and the filing of the said agreement as in the said section provided, the several societies, parties thereto, shall be deemed and taken to be consolidated, and to form one corporation by the name in the said agreement, provided with a common seal, and shall possess all the rights, privileges and franchises of each of such corporations.

Upon the consummation of such act of consolidation as aforesaid, all and singular, the business property, real, personal and mixed, and all rights and incidents appurtenant thereto, all stock, mortgages or other securities, subscriptions and other debts due on whatever account, and other things in action belonging to such corporations or either of them, shall be taken or deemed to be transferred to and vested in such new corporation without further act or deed; provided, however, that all rights of creditors and liens upon the property of either of such corporations shall be unimpaired by such consolidation, and all debts, liabilities, and duties of either of the said corporations shall thenceforth attach to the new corporation, and be enforced against it to the same extent as if the said debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or been contracted by it; and provided also that no action or proceeding, legal or equitable, by or against the said corporations so consolidated, or either of them, shall abate or be affected by such consolidation, but for all the purposes of such action or proceeding such corporation may be deemed still to exist; or the new corporation may be substituted in such action or proceeding in the place thereof.

PRIVATE BILL NOTICE.

The following Bill was this day posted for consideration by the *Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on or after Wednesday, 4th inst:—*

No. 97 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited)."

No. 36.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed, *viz* :—

No. 96. To amend the Post Office Act, 1875.

No. 86. To amend "An Act to impose License dues on Compounders of Spirits, and to amend the respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink, and Drugs."

No. 74. To amend the North-West Territories Act, 1875.

The Bill No. 60 to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act in amendment thereof, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.

Mr. *Blake* moved, that the amendments be now read a second time, and concurred in.

Mr. *Gibbs* (S. Ontario) moved in amendment thereto, that the said amendments be not now read a second time, but that the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole with instructions that they shall have power to strike out the 15th Section of the Bill.

Mr. *White* (Renfrew) moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after the word "the" in the last line of the said amendment, where it occurs the first time, be struck out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"14th and 15th Sections of the Bill;" which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Barthe,	Dewdney,	Kirkpatrick,	Ouimet,
Benoit,	Farrow,	Langevin,	Pinsonneault,
Blanchet,	Flesher,	Lanthier,	Platt,
Bolduc,	Forbes,	Little,	Plumb,
Bowell,	Fraser,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Brooks,	Gaudet,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robitaille,
Bunster,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Macmillan,	Short,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McCallum,	Stephenson,
Cimon,	Haggart,	McCarthy,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Colby,	Harwood,	McQuade,	Tupper,
Costigan,	Holton,	Mitchell,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Currier,	Hurteau,	Moffat,	White (*Renfrew*),
Cuthbert,	Jetté,	Monteith,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Daoust,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Orton,	Wright (*Pontiac*)—57.
Desjardins,			

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Kirk,	Pouliot,
Baby,	Cockburn,	Laflamme,	Power,
Bain,	Coffin,	Lajoie,	Ray,
Béchard,	Cook,	Landerkin,	Richard,
Bernier,	Coupal,	Laurier,	Robillard,
Bertram,	Davies,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Ross (*Durham*),
Biggar,	Dawson,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Blackburn,	Delorme,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Blain,	De St. Georges,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Roy,
Blake,	DeVeber,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Ryan,
Borden,	Dymond,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Rymal,
Borron,	Ferris,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Scatcherd,
Bourassa,	Fiset,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Scriver,
Bowman,	Fleming,	Mackenzie,	Shibley,
Boyer,	Fréchette,	McCraney,	Sinclair,
Brouse,	Galbraith,	McGregor,	Smith (*Peel*),
Brown,	Gibson,	McIntyre,	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Burk,	Gillies,	McIsaac,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillmor,	McLeod,	St. Jean,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Goudge,	McNab,	Taschereau,
Carmichael,	Guthrie,	Metcalfe,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Cartwright,	Hagar,	Mills,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Casey,	Hall,	Oliver,	Trow,
Casgrain,	Higinbotham,	Palmer,	Vail,
Cauchon,	Horton,	Paterson,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Charlton,	Huntington,	Perry,	Wood,
Cheval,	Kerr,	Pettes,	Workman,
Christie,	Killam,	Pickard,	Young.—112.

The question being then put on Mr. *Gibbs'* (South Ontario) proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Barthe,	Farrow,	Lanthier,	Pinsonneault,
Benoit,	Flesher,	Little,	Platt,
Blanchet,	Forbes,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Plumb,
Bolduc,	Fraser,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Bowell,	Gaudet,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Robitaille,
Brooks,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Macmillan,	Rouleau,

Caron,
Cimon,
Colby,
Costigan,
Currier,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
Desjardins,
Dewdney,
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Haggart,
Harwood,
Holton,
Hurteau,
Jetté,
Jones (*Leeds*),
Kirkpatrick,
Langevin,
McCallum,
McCarthy,
McQuade,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Orton,
Ouimet,
Short,
Stephenson,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Tupper,
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wright (*Ottawa*),
Wright (*Pontiac*).—58.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby;
Baby,
Bain,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Biggar,
Blackburn,
Blain,
Blake,
Borden,
Borron,
Bourassa,
Bowman,
Boyer,
Brouse,
Brown,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Cook,
Coupal,
Davies,
Dawson,
DeCosmos,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Horton,
Huntington,
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McGregor,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Oliver,
Palmer,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Pickard,
Pouliot,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,
Robillard,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Roy,
Ryan,
Rymal,
Scatcherd,
Schultz,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Thompson (*Welland*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wood,
Workman,
Young.—113.

Mr. *Barthe* then moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, in order that a Clause may be added, declaring that this Bill, and the Acts thereby amended, shall remain in force until the end of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer; which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,
Barthe,
Bernier,
Blanchet,
Bolduc,
Bourassa,
Cheval,
Coupal,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Haggart,
Lanthier,
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
Mitchell,
Ouimet,
Palmer,
Pope (*Compton*),
Roy,
Rymal,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Wright (*Ottawa*),
Wright (*Pontiac*).—25.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Cuthbert,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Pickard,
Bain,	Daoust,	Kerr,	Pinsonneault,
Béchard,	Davies,	Killam,	Platt,
Benoit,	Dawson,	Kirk,	Plumb,
Bertram,	DeCosmos,	Kirkpatrick,	Power,
Biggar,	Delorme,	Laflamme,	Ray,
Blackburn,	Desjardins,	Lajoie,	Richard,
Blain,	De St. Georges,	Landerkin,	Robillard,
Blake,	DeVeber,	Langevin,	Robitaille,
Borden,	Dewdney,	Laurier,	Ross (*Durham*),
Borron,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bowell,	Farrow,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bowman,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Rouleau,
Boyer,	Fiset,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Ryan,
Brouse,	Fleming,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Scatcherd,
Brown,	Flesher,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Schultz,
Buell,	Flynn,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Scriver,
Bunster,	Forbes,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Shibley,
Burk,	Fraser,	Mackenzie,	Sinclair,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Fréchette,	McCarthy,	Smith (*Peel*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Galbraith,	McCraney,	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Carmichael,	Gaudet,	McGregor,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Caron,	Gibson,	McIntyre,	Stephenson,
Cartwright,	Gillies,	McIsaac,	St. Jean,
Casey,	Gillmor,	McLeod,	Taschereau,
Casgrain,	Goudge,	McNab,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Cauchon,	Guthrie,	McQuade,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Charlton,	Hagar,	Metcalfe,	Trow,
Christie,	Hall,	Mills,	Tupper,
Church,	Higinbotham,	Monteith,	Vail,
Cimon,	Holton,	Oliver,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cockburn,	Horton,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
Coffin,	Huntington,	Paterson,	Wood,
Cook,	Hurteau,	Perry,	Workman,
Costigan,	Jetté,	Pettes,	Young.—141
Currier,			

The main motion was then agreed to, on a division, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 94 to provide for the employment without the walls of Common Gaols of Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment therein, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, to the Bill No. 19 to amend, and to consolidate as amended, the Acts respecting the Customs, were taken into consideration, and concurred in, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

The House then adjourned at 11:45 o'clock, P. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Gillies*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the Mail service twice a day to Paisley, Port Elgin and Southampton, as at present enjoyed by Walkerton; and if not, why not?

Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew)—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for the Engineer's Report of the Bonnechere and other possible route of the Canada Central Extension.

Mr. *Tupper*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all petitions and correspondence relating to the change made in the Mail route between the Intercolonial Railway and Granville.

Mr. *Cameron*—On Thursday next—That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate requesting that Honorable Body to transmit for the information of this House a Copy of the Report made by a Select Committee of that Honorable House during the Session of 1875, on the subject of the construction of booms, piers and other works on the Gatineau.

Mr. *Fréchette*—On Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF WHOLE on Resolution declaring it expedient that Government should be advised to take proper steps to test the possibility of navigating the St. Lawrence from Quebec to the Gulf during the Winter season.

Mr. *Wright* (Pontiac)—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Is it proposed to make any alteration in the Slide-mastership of the Black River, County of Pontiac; and if so, for what reasons?

Mr. *Goudge*—On motion for the third reading of the Bill (No. 60) to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875 and the Act in amendment thereof—That the said Bill be recommitted to Committee of the Whole to insert the following clause:—

Provided always that in such of the Provinces when by the Laws thereof Judgment of Courts of Record may be recorded against Lands, such Judgments so recorded shall not be considered a lien on the said lands, if recorded within thirty days before a Writ of Attachment has issued or an Assignment has been made.

Mr. *McCarthy*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all Orders and instructions made or issued from the Departments of Militia and Emigration directing or referring to the route of travel to be followed by the Mounted Police and the Emigrants for Manitoba and the North-West during the years 1874-75 and '76; and for a statement shewing the amount paid for the fares of the Engineer Staff and other employees on the Pacific Railway Survey, for the Mounted Police, for Emigrants and any other persons whose fares were paid by the Government to or from Collingwood per Lake Superior Line and the Beatty Line respectively during the years 1874-75 and '76; also for freightage for the carriage of goods and supplies by said lines respectively during the same period, and statement shewing separately the amount paid for any of the above persons who, although carried from in or in the neighbourhood of Collingwood, were sent over the Beatty Line *via* Sarnia.

No. 37.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk of The House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a Certificate of the Election and Return of the Hon. *Hector Louis Langevin*, C.B., Member to represent the Electoral District of *Charlevoix*.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of The House on the 5th ultimo; for Copies of all Petitions respecting the establishment of a Post Office at Notre Dame de Grâce near Montreal, and of another at Ste. Cunégonde part of the territory of the Town of St. Henri, in the County of Hochelaga, recently erected into a separate Municipality; also of all correspondence between the parties interested and the Department at Ottawa, including the Reports of the Post Office Inspector at Montreal in relation thereto

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Burpee* (St. John) presented,—Return to Address of the 12th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence, with reference to the appointment of Mr. *J. G. Norris*, as Deputy Collector of Customs, Kootenay, British Columbia; with copies of any recommendations on his behalf.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 7th ultimo; for copies of papers and correspondence connected with the seizure of the Schooner "Napier" in Ingonish, in the year 1872, for smuggling, and a statement shewing if the Hon. *William Ross* has redeemed his bonds given for the release of said vessel. If not, why not? The amount realized from the sale of Goods seized on board of said vessel.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 19th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence relating to the superannuation of *Wm. Warren*, Esq., late Collector of Customs for the Port of Whitby, Ontario; also copies of Petitions, Inspectors' Reports, and Minute of Treasury Board, shewing date of such superannuation.

And,--Return to Address of the 12th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and Mr. *C. T. Dupont*, or any other parties, with reference to his inspection of the several Customs Stations between Victoria and Kootenay in 1876,—also copy of instructions to Mr. *Dupont*, as well as his Report on his return.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 19th ultimo, for a Return, shewing the title held by the Government to the land and other property connected with the Fish-breeding establishment at Newcastle, Ontario, with quantity of land so held; also the actual amount expended on buildings or other permanent improvements on said land.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 26th ultimo; for copies of all leases of the right to fish in the *non-tidal waters of New Brunswick.*

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 26th ultimo; for a statement shewing: 1st, the instructions given and to whom given for the division of the Ordnance property at Quebec, known as the Cove Field; 2nd, the cost of dividing, also for advertising, and of selling the same; 3rd, the names of the parties receiving such sums of money, the amounts received by each of them; 4th, the amount of such sale, the names of the purchasers, the amount paid by each on each lot, and the balance remaining unpaid.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,—and Addresses voted to His Excellency the Governor General, *viz :—*

By Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew) :—Address to His Excellency, for a copy of all Orders in Council relating to the route of the Canada Central Extension, and the contract for building that portion of Railway.

By Mr. *Mitchell :*—Address to His Excellency, for copies of all papers and correspondence between the Dominion Government or Department of Marine and Fisheries and the British Government or the British Admiralty—or any of its officers or any party acting for either of the above named authorities, in relation to the transfer of Portage Island, in the Bay of Miramichi, from the jurisdiction of the British Admiralty to the Dominion Government,—also all Reports to the Council from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, in relation to the same subject and Orders of Council thereon.

By Mr. *Smith* (Selkirk) :—Order of The House for copies of the Reports of Engineers and all other correspondence and information in possession of the Government not yet communicated to the House, having reference to any actual surveys, or proposed survey, in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Red River Westward, South of Lake Manitoba.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 80 to amend the Act for the suppression of Gaming Houses, *without amendment.*

Mr. *Schultz* moved,—that in the opinion of this House a Prohibitory Liquor Law is the only effectual remedy for the evil of Intemperance, and that it is the duty of the Government to submit such a measure for the approval of Parliament at the earliest moment practicable.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), moved in amendment that all the words after "that" in the original motion be expunged and the following substituted in lieu thereof,—"Whereas grave doubts exist, whether under the "provisions of '*The British North America Act*, 1867,' this House has the power to deal with the sale of "Intoxicating Liquors, as a beverage, and,"

"Whereas the Court of Error and Appeal in the Province of Ontario has referred a case to the Supreme "Court, whereby the relative jurisdiction of the Provincial and Dominion Legislatures over the Liquor "Traffic will be argued."

"Be it therefore *Resolved*, That this House, while not receding from any previous declaration on the "importance of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, deems it inexpedient under these circumstances, at present, to "express any opinion regarding the action to be taken by the Government, in dealing with this question."

And a Debate arising thereon,—at 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House until half past seven o'clock, P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The Bill from the Senate No. 93, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell*," was read a third time, and passed, on a division.

The amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 14 to amend the Act incorporating the Montreal, Portland, and Boston Railway Company, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

The Bill No. 44 to amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Maskinongé*, was again considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendment concurred in, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 58 to change the name of the Dominion Building Society, to that of the "City Mortgage Loan Company," and for other purposes, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 61 to incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited)," was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 33 to incorporate "*La Société de construction St. Jacques*" as a Permanent Building Society, and for other purposes, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

(*Public Bills and Orders.*)

On motion of Mr. *Metcalfe*, the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Bill No. 70 to preserve to the Electors of the Village of Stouffville the continuance of their representation in Parliament, was discharged, and the Bill, withdrawn.

The Bill No. 88 to regulate the floating of cordwood on the *River St. Francis*, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Bill No. 89 to provide greater convenience and safety for passengers on Railways in Canada, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Bill from the Senate No. 101, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to make further provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies, carrying on business in the Province of Ontario," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Mr. *Langevin* was added to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines,—and to that on Public Accounts.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 67 to amend the Law respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent, being read;

Mr. *Workman* moved, that the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to amend the same, by inserting the following Sections, after Clause 94:—

"It shall be lawful for the Company to unite, amalgamate and consolidate its stock, property, business "and franchises with those of any other Company or Society incorporated or chartered to transact a like "business, and any other business in connection with such business, or any building, savings or loan "company or society heretofore or hereafter incorporated or chartered, or to purchase and acquire the assets "of any such company or society, and to enter into all contracts and agreements therewith necessary to such "union, amalgamation, consolidation, purchase, or acquisition.

"The Directors of the Company, and of any other such company or society, may enter into a joint "agreement under the corporate seals of each of the said corporations for the union, amalgamation or "consolidation of the said corporations, or for the purchase and acquisition by the Company of the assets of "any other such company or Society, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof, the mode of carrying the "same into effect, the name of the new corporation, the number of the directors and other officers thereof, "and who shall be the first directors and officers thereof, the manner of converting the capital stock of each "of the said corporations into that of the new corporation, with such other details as they shall deem "necessary to perfect such new organization, and the union, amalgamation and consolidation of the said "corporations and the after management and working thereof, or the terms and mode of payment for the "assets of any other such company or society purchased or acquired by the Company.

"Such agreement shall be submitted to the shareholders of each of the said corporations at a meeting "thereof to be held separately for the purpose of taking the same into consideration. Notice of the time and "place of such meetings, and the objects thereof, shall be given by written or printed notices addressed to each "shareholder of the said corporations respectively, at his last known post office address or place of residence, "and also by a general notice to be published in a newspaper published at the chief place of business of such "corporations, once a week, for six successive weeks. At such meetings of shareholders such agreement shall "be considered, and a vote by ballot taken for the adoption or rejection of the same, each share entitling the "holder thereof to one vote, and the said ballots being cast in person or by proxy; and if two-thirds of the "votes of all the shareholders of such corporations shall be for the adoption of such agreement, then that fact "shall be certified upon the said agreement by the secretary of each of such corporations, under the corporate "seals thereof; and if the said agreement shall be so adopted at the respective meetings of the shareholders of "each of the said corporations, the agreement so adopted and the said certificates thereon shall be filed in "the office of the Secretary of State of the Dominion of Canada, and the said agreement shall from thence be "taken and deemed to be the agreement and act of union, amalgamation and consolidation of the said "corporations, or the agreement and deed of purchase and acquisition by the Company of the assets of such "company so selling, as the case may be, and a copy of such agreement so filed, and of the certificates thereon "properly certified, shall be evidence of the existence of such new corporation.

"Provided nevertheless—that due proof of the foregoing facts shall be laid before the Governor in "Council, and if deemed expedient by the Governor in Council, letters patent shall be issued and notice "thereof duly published by the Secretary of State in the Canada *Gazette*, after which the new Corpor-"ation may transact business.

"Upon the making and perfecting of the said agreement and act of consolidation, as provided in the "next preceding section, the several societies, parties thereto, shall be deemed and taken to be consolidated, "and to form one corporation by the name in the said agreement, provided with a common seal, and shall "possess all the rights, privileges and franchises of each of such corporations.

"Upon the consummation of such act of consolidation as aforesaid, all and singular, the business "property, real, personal and mixed, and all rights and incidents appurtenant thereto, all stock, mortgages "or other securities, subscriptions and other debts due on whatever account, and other things in action "belonging to such corporations or either of them, shall be taken or deemed to be transferred to and vested "in such new corporation without further act or deed; provided, however, that all rights of creditors and "liens upon the property of either of such corporations shall be unimpaired by such consolidation, and all "debts, liabilities, and duties of either of the said corporations shall thenceforth attach to the new "corporation, and be enforced against it to the same extent as if the said debts, liabilities and duties had been "incurred or been contracted by it; and provided also that no action or proceeding, legal or equitable, by or "against the said corporations so consolidated, or either of them, shall abate or be affected by such "consolidation, but for all the purposes of such action or proceeding such corporation may be deemed still to "exist; or the new corporation may be substituted in such action or proceeding in the place thereof;" which was agreed to.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, and amended the same, in accordance with the instructions; and the amendments were reported, and concurred in.

And the question being put, that the said Bill, as amended, be now read a third time;

Mr. *Jetté* moved, that the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to amend it, by inserting, after section 42, the following Section:—

(*a*) "Whenever the interest in any share or shares of the capital stock of the Company shall be transmitted "by the death of any shareholder or otherwise, or whenever the ownership of or legal right of possession in "any such share or shares shall change by any lawful means, other than by transfer, according to the "provisions of this Act, and the Directors of the Company shall entertain reasonable doubts as to the "legality of any claim to and upon such share or shares of stock, then, and in such case, it shall be lawful "for the Company to make and file in one of the Superior Courts of Law or Equity in the Province, in "which the Head Office of the Company is situated, a Declaration and Petition in writing, addressed to "the Justices of the Court, setting forth the facts and the number of shares previously belonging to the "party in whose name such shares stand in the books of the Company, and praying for an Order or "Judgment adjudicating and awarding the said shares to the party or parties legally entitled to the same, "and by which Order or Judgment the Company shall be guided and held fully harmless and indemnified "and released from all and every other claim for the said shares or arising therefrom; Provided always, "that notice of such Petition shall be given to the party claiming such share or shares, or to the Attorney "of such party duly authorized for the purpose, who shall upon the filing of such Petition establish his right "to the several shares referred to in such Petition; and the delays to plead and all other proceedings in "such cases shall be the same as those observed in analagous cases before the said Superior Courts; "Provided also, that the costs and expenses of procuring such Order and Adjudication shall be paid by the "party or parties to whom the said shares shall be declared lawfully to belong, and such shares shall not "be transferred until such costs and expenses be paid, saving the recourse of such party against any party "contesting his right;" which was agreed to.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, and amended the same in accordance with the instructions; and the amendment was reported, and concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 60 to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act in amendment thereof, being read;

Mr. *Caron* moved in amendment thereto, that the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to insert therein the following amendments:—

"That in the statement of liabilities and assets which the Insolvent is required, under the seventeenth "Section of the Act hereinbefore cited, to furnish to the Assignee, the Insolvent shall discriminate between "his liabilities to traders and to non-traders. At any time after the making of the assignment, or the "issue of the writ of attachment and previous to the first meeting of creditors, any creditor who is a non-"trader may notify the Assignee in writing that such is the case, and that he purposes to avail himself of "the provisions of this Act; and no non-trader who shall have so notified the Assignee shall be bound to "accept the composition, or sign the discharge of the Insolvent, but the claim of such non-trader shall "nevertheless be ranked by the Assignee upon the dividend sheet for a dividend or dividends in like "manner as the claims of other creditors; and the receipt signed by the non-trader for such dividend shall "be a receipt *pro tanto* in respect of such claim as aforesaid.

"That a non-trader, that is to say:—Any farmer, grazier, common laborer, workman for hire, or other "person, who cannot be declared an Insolvent under the Act herein above cited who has availed "himself of the provisions of this Act may attend at meetings of the creditors of the Insolvent and "may vote thereat in the same manner as other creditors, except that such non-trader shall not vote upon "any question touching the acceptance of any offer of composition, or the granting of the discharge of the "Insolvent; and in calculating the number of creditors and the amount of the claims against the Insolvent

"upon which the acceptance of a deed of composition and discharge, or the consent to the discharge of the "Insolvent is based, non-traders who have availed themselves of the provisions of this Act and the amount of "their claims shall not be computed; and no deed of composition and discharge, nor any discharge from the "Court or Judge shall in any way impair the right of a non-trader who has availed himself of the provisions "of this Act, to recover from the Insolvent any balance that may remain unpaid upon the claim of such non-"trader, but the said balance may be recovered in like manner as if no proceedings in Insolvency had been "entered into, notwithstanding the acceptance by the non-trader of any dividend from the Assignee as herein-"before provided.—Provided always that no non-trader shall avail himself of the provisions of this and the "preceding Clause, in the case of an Insolvent whom such non-trader has required or forced to go into "Insolvency;"—which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Coupal,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Monteith,
Barthe,	Currier,	Kirkpatrick,	Orton,
Béchard,	Cuthbert,	Landerkin,	Ouimet,
Benoit,	Daoust,	Langevin,	Pinsonneault,
Bernier,	Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Pope (*Compton*),
Blanchet,	Dewdney,	Little,	Robitaille,
Bolduc,	Farrow,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Rouleau,
Bourassa,	Fiset,	Macmillan,	Roy,
Bowell,	Flesher,	McCallum,	Rymal,
Burk,	Gaudet,	McCarthy,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Caron,	Gill,	McCraney,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Cheval,	Greenway,	McQuade,	White (*Hastings*).
Cimon,	Harwood,	Masson,	White (*Renfrew*),
Costigan,	Hurteau,	Mitchell,	Wright (*Ottawa*).—56.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Cunningham,	Jetté,	Plumb,
Archibald,	Davies,	Kerr,	Ray,
Aylmer,	Delorme,	Kirk,	Richard,
Bain,	De St. Georges,	Laflamme,	Robillard,
Bannatyne,	DeVeber,	Lajoie,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bertram,	Donahue,	Laurier,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Biggar,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Ryan,
Blackburn,	Fleming,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Scatcherd,
Blake,	Flynn,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Schultz,
Borden,	Forbes,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Scriver,
Borron,	Fraser,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Shibley,
Bowman,	Fréchette,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Sinclair,
Brooks,	Galbraith,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Brouse,	Geoffrion,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Brown,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McGregor,	St. Jean,
Buell,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McIntyre,	Taschereau,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillies,	McIsaac,	Thibaudeau,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gillmor,	McLeod,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Cartwright,	Goudge,	McNab,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Casey,	Guthrie,	Metcalfe,	Trow,
Casgrain,	Hagar,	Mills,	Tupper,
Cauchon,	Higinbotham,	Oliver,	Vail,
Charlton,	Holton,	Paterson,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Church,	Horton,	Perry,	Wood,
Cockburn,	Huntington,	Pickard,	Workman.—101.
Coffin,			

The Bill was then read a third time.

Mr. *Blake* moved, that the Bill do now pass.

Mr. *Goudge* moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they have power to add after Section 133, the following Sub-section:—"In any Province in which the "record or registration against lands creates a lien or charge against lands, any such record or registration "effected against the lands of a debtor within thirty days, next before a demand for an assignment, or for "the issue of a Writ of attachment, whenever such demand shall have been followed by an assign-"ment or by the issue of a Writ of attachment, shall be null and void."

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, because at this stage of the proceedings, the Bill cannot be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The Bill was then passed.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

THURSDAY, 5th April, 1877.

The Bill No. 102 to make further provision for the payment of the Active Militia, when called out in certain occasions in aid of the Civil Power, was read a second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and read a third time, and passed.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th ultimo; for a Return of the Government deposits in the different Banks of the Dominion on the first day of each month, from January 1st, 1876, to January 1st, 1877, inclusive; and also at the agencies of such Banks and other Banking Houses in London, and specifying the amounts drawing interest, and the rate thereof.

The House then adjourned at 12.20 o'clock, A. M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Barthe*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all the Reports which the Royal Canadian Insurance Company may have made with copies of any order requiring the said Company to make such Reports; the whole in conformity with 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 99, Section 16,—and 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48. Also copies of all Reports respecting the business carried on by the said Royal Canadian Insurance Company in the United States of America; the whole in conformity with 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48, of the Acts of Parliament of Canada, and the forms B. and C. of the said Acts.

Mr. *De St. Georges*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copy of an Order in Council of 5th March, 1877, approving of a By-law of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners in reference to the Tariff of Pilotage between Quebec and Montreal.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to continue during the present season the improvement of the navigation of the south-west branch of the Miramichi River?

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to continue the improvements commenced on the Horse Shoe Bar at the entrance of the Miramichi River with the Government Steam Dredge and resume operations on that work at the opening of navigation, or how soon thereafter?

Mr. *Cheval*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement shewing the amounts paid by the Steamer "Chambly," and the Steamer "Cultivateur," at the St. Ours Lock on the River Chambly, during the season of 1875.

Mr. *Cheval*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government so to amend the Act respecting the appointment of Harbour Commissioners, as to provide that no shareholder of any navigation Company shall be eligible or shall be appointed as a member of any Harbour Commission.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—That the House shall for the remainder of the Session sit on Saturdays; that the Government Measures shall then have precedence; and that when the Housea djourns at the Friday sitting it shall stand adjourned until Saturday, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Friday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—That it is expedient to provide for the inspection of Petroleum by properly skilled persons, more especially with respect to its being explosive or non-explosive, and to define the test by which this shall be determined,—to prevent the sale for consumption in Canada of any Petroleum not inspected, by imposing a penalty on persons offering it for sale, except only for exportation, and by subjecting it to seizure and forfeiture:—and to provide for the payment of fees not exceeding 3 cents for the inspection of any package containing not more than ten gallons, and 5 cents for every package containing more than ten gallons and not more than forty gallons, and so in proportion for any greater quantity.

No. 38.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1877.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

One Petition was brought up and laid on the Table.

The Petition of the Corporation of the County of *Brant*, was read and received; praying for certain amendments to the Temperance Act, of 1864.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Tenth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 59 to amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company, of Canada, and to change the name to the "Union Assurance Company, of Canada," *with amendments.*

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Bill No. 98 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Coteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Act,"—and the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 46 to incorporate the Union Atlantic Cable Company, *without amendment.*

Mr. *Laflamme* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 28th ultimo; for copies of Returns shewing the Number of Illicit Stills seized by the Revenue Officers of the Dominion in 1873, 74, and 75; giving the dates when the different seizures were made, where made, and the estimated value of the property seized.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain proposed Resolutions, respecting the measurement of Ships, registered under the repealed Act of the late Province of Canada.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend *The Pilotage Act of* 1875, by providing that steamships employed in trading from port to port in the same Province, as well as those employed in trading between any one or more of the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island, and any other or others of them, or between any port or ports in the said Provinces or any of them, and the Port of New York or any port of the United States of America on the Atlantic, North of New York, shall be exempt from payment of Pilotage dues except only in the Ports of Halifax and Pictou, as

respects each of which the Pilotage Authorities, with the approval of the Governor in Council, from time to time, may determine what steamships shall or shall not be wholly or partially exempt from such payment;—and that no clearance shall be granted at any port where there is Pilotage Authority to any steamship on which such dues are payable until they shall have been paid or settled.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide that the tonnage of all steamships registered in Canada shall be ascertained by the same rules, and that steamships registered under the repealed Act, Chapter 41 of the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, shall be remeasured and their tonnage ascertained by the rules prescribed in the Imperial Act known as *The Merchant Shipping Act*, 1854, as other steamships registered in Canada now are.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) then introduced a Bill No. 106 respecting the measurement of Ships registered under the repealed Act of the late Province of Canada; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the amendments made by this House, to the amendments made by them to the Bill No. 56 for the prevention of Gambling practices in certain public conveyances, *without amendment*.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 22 to incorporate the "Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry," of Canada, *with amendments*. (On motion of Mr. *Rymal*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in).

Also,—with the following Bill of their own No. 107 intituled: "An Act to remove doubts as to the right to vote of shareholders in certain Banks," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said Bill was read the first time.—Second reading, *to-morrow*).

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) introduced a Bill No. 108 to amend "An Act further to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875"; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the transfer of certain property of the Dominion, from the Department of Public Works, to that of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to transfer the control, management and maintenance, as respects ordinary repairs of all harbors, wharves, piers and breakwaters being the property of the Dominion, except those under the management of Commissioners appointed under an Act of the Parliament of Canada, and the harbors of St. John, N.B., and Pictou, from the Department of Public Works to that of Marine and Fisheries, the construction and extraordinary repairs remaining under the control of the Department first named; and to empower the Governor in Council, from time to time, on the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to make, alter or rescind rules and regulations for the management and a tariff or tariffs of tolls and dues for the use of the said works respectively, and to impose penalties for contravention of such rules and regulations;—such tolls and penalties to belong to Her Majesty for the public uses of the Dominion.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

The Bill No. 78 to amend the Law respecting appeals from convictions before, or orders by Justices of the Peace, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 103 to amend the Act respecting the Culling of Timber, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 104 to provide for the admission of Fish and Fish Oils into Canada, inspected in Newfoundland, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 91 to amend an "Act respecting the Inland Revenue," was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Resolutions 2 to 9, inclusively, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, on *Tuesday, the 20th of February, last* (see pages 59 and 60).

Resolution 2 being read a second time, was concurred in *on a division.*

Resolution 3 being read a second time

Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be referred back to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions that they shall have power to substitute for the said duties on Tea, some tax that while bringing to the Treasury an equivalent amount of Revenue, will at the same time aid the various industries of the Country; which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	De St. Georges,	Lanthier,	Platt,
Benoit,	Dewdney,	Little,	Plumb,
Blanchet,	Donahue,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pope (*Compton*)
Bolduc,	Farrow,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robillard,
Bowell,	Ferguson,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Robitaille,
Brooks,	Flesher,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Rouleau,
Bunster,	Fraser,	Macmillan,	Roy,
Cameron,	Gaudet,	McCallum,	Short,
Campbell,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McCarthy,	Stephenson,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McQuade,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Cimon,	Gill,	Masson,	Tupper,
Colby,	Haggart,	Mitchell,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Costigan,	Harwood,	Monteith,	White (*Hastings*),
Currier,	Hurteau,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
Cuthbert.	Jones (*Leeds*),	Ouimet,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Daoust.	Kirkpatrick,	Palmer,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—67
Desjardins,	Langevin.	Pinsonneault,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Christie,	Huntington,	Pouliot,
Archibald,	Church,	Irving,	Power,
Aylmer,	Cockburn,	Jetté,	Ray,
Bain,	Coffin,	Kerr,	Richard,
Barthe,	Cook,	Killam,	Roscoe,
Béchard,	Coupal,	Kirk,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bernier,	Cunningham,	Laflamme,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Bertram,	Davies,	Lajoie,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Biggar,	Dawson,	Landerkin,	Ryan,
Blackburn,	Delorme,	Laurier,	Rymal,
Blain,	DeVeber,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Scatcherd,
Blake,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Scriver,
Borden,	Ferris,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Shibley,
Borron,	Fleming,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Sinclair,
Bourassa,	Flynn,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Bowman,	Forbes,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Boyer,	Fréchette,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Brouse,	Galbraith,	McCraney,	Snider,
Brown,	Geoffrion,	McGregor,	St. Jean,
Buell,	Gibson,	McIntyre,	Taschereau,
Burk,	Gillies,	McIsaac,	Thibaudeau,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillmor,	McLeod,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Goudge,	McNab,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Carmichael,	Greenway,	Metcalfe,	Trow,
Cartwright,	Guthrie,	Mills,	Vail,
Casey,	Hagar,	Oliver,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Casgrain,	Hall,	Paterson,	Wood,
Cauchon,	Higinbotham,	Perry,	Workman,
Charlton,	Holton,	Pettes,	Young.—119.
Cheval,	Horton,	Pickard,	

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the Clock, midnight;

FRIDAY, 6th April, 1877.

Mr. *Wallace* (Norfolk) then moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be referred back to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions that they shall have power to amend it, by substituting for the present and proposed specific duty on Tea, an *ad valorem* duty in such manner, as not to increase the burden of taxation, but which will be more just to the masses, who are the consumers of cheap Tea; which was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Desjardins,	Kirkpatrick,	Palmer,
Benoit,	De St. Georges,	Langevin,	Pinsonneault,
Biggar,	Dewdney,	Lanthier,	Platt,
Blackburn,	Donahue,	Little,	Plumb,
Blanchet,	Farrow,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Bolduc,	Ferguson,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robitaille,
Bowell,	Flesher,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Rouleau,
Brooks,	Fraser,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Roy,
Bunster,	Gaudet,	Macmillan,	Short,
Cameron,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McCallum,	Stephenson,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McCarthy,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Cimon,	Gill,	McQuade,	Tupper,
Colby,	Haggart,	Masson,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Costigan,	Harwood,	Monteith,	White (*Hastings*),
Currier,	Hurteau,	Orton,	White (*Renfrew*),
Cuthbert,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Ouimet,	Wright (*Ottawa*).—65.
Daoust,			

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Irving,	Pickard,
Archibald,	Cockburn,	Jetté,	Pouliot,
Aylmer,	Coffin,	Kerr,	Power,
Bain,	Cook,	Killam,	Ray,
Barthe,	Coupal,	Kirk,	Richard,
Béchard,	Cunningham,	Laflamme,	Robillard,
Bernier,	Dawson,	Lajoie,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bertram,	Delorme,	Landerkin,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Blain,	DeVeber,	Laurier,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Blake,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Ryan,
Borden,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Rymal,
Borron,	Fleming,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Scatcherd,
Bourassa,	Flynn,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Scriver,
Bowman,	Forbes,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Shibley,
Boyer,	Fréchette,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Sinclair,
Brouse,	Galbraith,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Brown,	Geoffrion,	McCraney,	Snider,
Buell,	Gibson,	McGregor,	St. Jean,
Burk,	Gillies,	McIntyre,	Taschereau,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillmor,	McIsaac,	Thibaudeau,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Goudge,	McLeod,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Carmichael,	Greenway,	McNab,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Cartwright,	Guthrie,	Metcalfe,	Trow,
Casey,	Hagar,	Mills,	Vail,
Casgrain,	Hall,	Oliver,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cauchon,	Higinbotham,	Paterson,	Wood,
Charlton,	Holton,	Perry,	Workman,
Cheval,	Horton,	Pettes,	Young.—114
Christie,	Huntington,		

Resolution 3 was then concurred in.

Resolutions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 being severally read a second time, were concurred in, *on a division.*

Resolution 9, being read a second time, was concurred in.

Mr. *Cartwright* then introduced a Bill No. 109 to amend the Acts respecting Duties of Customs and Excise; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, at the next sitting of The House, *this day.*

The House then adjourned at 2.10 o'clock A.M., *until this day.*

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Bertram*—on Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a return of all monthly measurements and estimates for the various kinds of work done on Section No. 16 Intercolonial Railway while under contract to Messrs. *King* & *Gough* and subsequently under contract to *J. C. Gough*, showing the actual quantities and kinds of all work executed and returned, the amounts made out for same at schedule rates for each month by the Divisional Engineer in charge, and the amount for each month respectively certified by the Chief Engineer of the Railway or paid by the Commissioners of the Railway and paid to the contractors or contractor or their agents.

For the amounts of all sums of money paid by, or through the Government, or its agents on behalf of or in liquidation of debts due by the firm of *King* & *Gough* or *J. C. Gough* on account of contract on Section No. 16, to whom paid, on whose authority the sums were paid, and the nature and extent of the service or work done therefor after the contract had been taken by the Government from *J. C. Gough*.

For the quantities of work done by the Government or its agents after the contract had been taken from *J. C. Gough*, showing the monthly estimates for the various kinds of work actually done, and the amounts of money paid for such work and to whom paid.

For the number of structures now built in first and second class masonry, paving, &c., in each and the extent of the opening or waterway of each structure now on the section, the quantity of Rip-rap done on the section, of concrete used, the quantity or length of fencing done, cattle guards built, with the items of cost for each.

Mr. *Brouse*—On Monday next—That it be resolved that for the better observance of the Sabbath and in the interests of morality—vessels propelled by steam and carrying passengers, may be detained from proceeding on their voyage through the Canals from the hour of 6 A.M. until the hour of 9 o'clock P.M. on the Sabbath day.

Mr. *McCarthy*—On Saturday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a Statement of the number of miles surveyed and the expenditure for such surveys on the Pacific Railway, as follows:—

1. The total number of miles surveyed, distinguishing between exploratory or track surveys--preliminary surveys,—and location surveys.

2. How many miles of preliminary surveys, exploratory or track surveys and location surveys have been made on each of the following sections:—

1st. From the Valley of the Ottawa to where the main line or lines run strike that portion of the main line from Thunder Bay to Red River.

2nd. From Prince Arthur's Landing to Red River.

3rd. From Red River to Tête Jaune Cache.

4th. From Tête Jaune Cache to the Pacific Coast.

5th. All Surveys made on Vancouver's Island.

3. The cost of the above descriptions of surveys between each of the above points.

Mr. *Irving*—On Monday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to make provision for the more effectual securing the observance by Railway Companies of the Law requiring equality of treatment in the management of Traffic and imposition of rates and tolls; and more especially the due observance of the requirements of sub-section 2 of section 48—and of section 12 of the Railway Act of 1868; and to vest in the Exchequer Court of *Canada*, the power necessary for enforcing such observance.

Mr. *Dewdney*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the claims made by Mr. *Seeley*, Mr. *J. Galbraith* and Mr. *J. C. Haynes*, have been settled according to the recommendations made by Mr. *T. C. Dupont*, the Inspector appointed to report as to the justness of these claims. If not, what is the reason of such delay?

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of the petition of the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec, praying for the guarantee of the Government, for an additional sum of $250,000, in order to complete the improvements in the above mentioned harbor of Quebec.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a statement of the tenders sent in to the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec for the projected works in the River St. Charles;—the said statement to include the original tenders, the supplementary tenders, the names of the contractors and of their sureties, and the name of the person or company who obtained the contract, with the names of the sureties.

Mr. *Barthe*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Petitions, Correspondence and Orders in Council relating to complaints made against the administration of the Harbour Board of Montreal in connection with the town of Sorel and the works for deepening Lake St. Peter; also copies of all documents transmitted to the Government respecting the bad administration of the aforesaid works, the arbitrary dismissal of *Pierre Côté* and *Pierre Charbonneau* and of any other employee; of all correspondence and documents relating to the dismissal of Captain *Charles Armstrong*; of all documents relating to the appointment of Messieurs *McCarthy* and *McKenzie*, and of any other employee at Sorel in connection with the works of the Harbour—which documents, as well as those hereinafter mentioned, should be found in the office of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, and of which the Government is entitled to have communication, inasmuch as the latter provides each year a very large amount of public money for the carrying on of those works, also copies of any report made by Mr. *John McCarthy* or any other employee of the Montreal Harbour Board at Sorel, showing why the pay of day laborers and of many others employed by the month or by the year was reduced, while that of the said Mr. *John McCarthy* was increased from $600.00 which his predecessor Mr. *Pierre Côté* had, to $2,000.00; also copies of any contracts in relation to the leasing of the wharves, lands, shops, &c., of Messrs. *John* and *Daniel McCarthy* either with the Government or with the Harbour Board of Montreal; also of all instructions given either by the Government or by the Harbour Board of Montreal defining the duties of the aforesaid employees, Messrs. *McCarthy* and *McKenzie* or of any other subordinate employee, in the carrying out of the said works; also, copies of all contracts awarded to any person whomsoever for the repair of dredge-boats, the erection of any building, the repairing or building of engines, machinery and boilers, the purchase of wood and of coal or any other contract generally; the names and residences of those who obtained such contracts and works generally, with or without tenders mentioning the amounts of each such contract; also the amounts paid since 1875, whether by contract or otherwise for provisions, bread, meat, groceries, &c.,—for the board and maintenance of the men employed on the said works and to whom such payments were made.

Mr. *McCallum*—On Saturday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a copy of the report, memorandum, or minute made by accountant who assisted at the investigation by the Royal Commissioners into the affairs of the Northern Railway Company of Canada, be laid before this House.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all correspondence with the Department of Marine and Fisheries or any other Department relative to the supplying of a life or other boat for the public service at and in the vicinity of the Lighthouses and Piers at the Harbor of Refuge at Rond Eau.

Sir *John Macdonald*—On Monday next—That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Electoral District of the County of Lincoln, in the place of *James Norris*, who, since his Election for the said Electoral District, has entered into a contract for the public service.

No. 39.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 5TH APRIL, 18

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 40 Victoria

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No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th ultimo ; for Return shewing the quantity and price of land purchased for the purposes of the construction and maintenance of the Kingston and Ottawa Division of the Rideau Canal ; also copies of all leases or agreements disposing of any water power in connection with said Canal.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th February, last ; for a Return of all money expended in building a Marine Hospital at Sydney, Cape Breton ; the amount of the different tenders for the construction of the said building, with the names of the parties tendering ; also, the names of all persons to whom the Government paid directly for work performed on this building, or improvements connected with it ; also, the amount paid for superintending the work, and to whom paid ; also, the total amount of expenditure to December 31st, 1876 ; also correspondence, if any, which led to the transfer of the contract for this building, *from the gentleman to whom it was awarded in the first instance*, to another gentleman.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 19th ultimo ; for a Statement shewing the expenditure incurred by the Post Office Department for carrying the mails below Quebec, during the whole time when the Grand Trunk was stopped by snow, during the winters of 1874, 1875 and 1876, with the names of the persons employed carrying the said Mails, the distance travelled, the number of trips made, and the amount received by each of them.

The Petition of *Jean Garant*, and others, of the County of Bellechasse, Province of Quebec, was read and received ; praying for the repeal or amendment of the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) introduced a Bill No 110 to transfer the management of certain Harbors, Piers, and Breakwaters from the Department of Public Works, to the Department of Marine and Fisheries ; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *on Monday next.*

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Resolved*, That The House shall for the remainder of the Session sit on Saturdays ; that the Government Measures shall then have precedence ; and that when The House adjourns *this day*, it shall stand adjourned *until to-morrow*, (Saturday), at 3 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday next, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the inspection of Petroleum by properly skilled persons, more especially with respect to its being explosive or non-explosive, and to define the test by which this shall be determined,—to prevent the sale for consumption in Canada of any Petroleum not inspected, by imposing a penalty on persons offering it for sale, except only for exportation, and by subjecting it to seizure and forfeiture :—and to provide for the payment of fees not exceeding 3 cents for the inspection of any package containing not more than ten gallons, and 5 cents for every package containing more than ten gallons and not more than forty gallons, and so in proportion for any greater quantity.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that the Bill No. 36 to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting Insurance, be now read a third time.

Mr. *Young* moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they shall have power to provide that the reserves to be held by all foreign Insurance Companies under this Act, shall be solely for the benefit of Canadian policy-holders.

Mr. *Colby* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "*to provide*" in the motion be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:—"That the following words be added "to the first Clause of the 7th Section of the said Bill, 'unless the said Company, if incorporated elsewhere "'than in Canada, shall establish to the satisfaction of the Finance Minister that it is possessed of well "'invested assets sufficient to re-insure all its outstanding policies, and pay all its liabilities, and has also a "'surplus sufficient to re-insure all its outstanding policies in Canada.'"

And a Debate arising thereon,—at 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House until half-past seven o'clock P.M.

7:30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The Bill No. 61 to incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited)," was read a third time, and passed.

The amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 46 to incorporate the Union Atlantic Cable Company, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

The Bill No. 59 to amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of Canada, and to change the name thereof to the "Union Assurance Company of Canada," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 98 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Coteau and Province Line Railway 'and Bridge Act," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The House then resumed the Debate on Mr. *Colby's* proposed amendment, in amendment to Mr. *Young's* motion in amendment to the third reading of the Bill No. 36 to amend and consolidate the several Acts respecting Insurance.

And the question being put on Mr. *Colby's* proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Bain,	Colby,	Gillmor,	Palmer,
Barthe,	Coupal,	Harwood,	Stephenson,
Blanchet,	Dewdney,	Killam,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Bourassa,	Farrow,	Macmillan,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Brooks,	Ferguson,	McCarthy,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—23.
Cameron,	Fraser,	Ouimet,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Cuthbert,	Kirk,	Pinsonneault,
Archibald,	Daoust,	Kirkpatrick,	Platt,
Aylmer,	Davies,	Laflamme,	Plumb,
Baby,	Dawson,	Lajoie,	Pope (*Compton*),
Béchard,	DeCosmos,	Landerkin,	Pouliot,
Benoit,	Delorme,	Langevin,	Power,
Bernier,	Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Ray,
Bertram,	De St. Georges,	Laurier,	Richard,
Biggar,	DeVeber,	Little,	Robinson,

Blackburn,
Blain,
Blake,
Bolduc,
Borden,
Borron,
Bowell,
Boyer,
Brouse,
Brown,
Buell,
Bunster,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Caron,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Casgrain,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Cook,
Costigan,
Cunningham,
Currier,
Donahue,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flesher,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Galbraith,
Gaudet,
Geoffrion,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Gibson,
Gillies,
Goudge,
Greenway,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Haggart,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Huntington,
Hurteau,
Irving,
Jetté,
Jones(*Leeds*),
Kerr,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald (*Kingston*),
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Mackenzie,
McCallum,
McCraney,
McGregor,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
McQuade,
Masson,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Oliver,
Orton,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Pickard,
Robitaille,
Rochester,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Rouleau,
Roy,
Ryan,
Schultz,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Short,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
St. Jean,
Taschereau,
Thibaudeau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Thomson (*Welland*),
Trow,
Tupper,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wood,
Workman,
Young.—157.

The question being then put on Mr. *Young's* motion in amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby,
Baby,
Benoit,
Bertram,
Blackburn,
Blanchet,
Bowell,
Brouse,
Cameron,
Caron,
Casgrain,
Cimon,
Costigan,
Currier,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
DeCosmos,
Desjardins,
Dewdney,
Donahue,
Farrow,
Ferguson,
Fiset,
Flesher,
Fraser,
Gaudet,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Greenway,
Haggart,
Harwood,
Hurteau,
Jones (*Leeds*),
Kirkpatrick,
Langevin
Lanthier,
Little,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald (*Kingston*),
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
McCraney,
McQuade,
Masson,
Metcalfe,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Orton,
Ouimet,
Palmer,
Pettes,
Pinsonneault,
Platt,
Plumb,
Pope (*Compton*)
Pouliot,
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Rochester,
Rouleau,
Roy,
Short,
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Stephenson,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Tupper,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Hastings*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wood,
Workman,
Wright (*Pontiac*),
Young.—77.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bain,
Barthe,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Biggar,
Blain,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Colby,
Cook,
Cunningham,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Huntington,
Irving,
Jetté,
Kerr,
Mills,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pickard,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,

Blake,	Davies,	Killam,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bolduc,	Dawson,	Kirk,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Borden,	Delorme,	Laflamme,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Borron,	De St. Georges,	Lajoie,	Ryan,
Bourassa,	DeVeber,	Landerkin,	Schultz,
Boyer,	Dymond,	Laurier,	Scriver,
Brooks,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Shibley,
Brown,	Fleming,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Buell,	Flynn,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Bunster,	Forbes,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Snider,
Burk,	Galbraith,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	St. Jean,
Burpee (*St, John*),	Geoffrion,	Mackenzie,	Taschereau,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibson,	McCarthy,	Thibaudeau,
Carmichael,	Gillies,	McGregor,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Cartwright,	Gillmor,	McIntyre,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Casey,	Goudge,	McIsaac,	Trow,
Cauchon,	Guthrie,	McLeod,	Vail,
Charlton,	Hagar,	McNab,	Wright (*Ottawa*).—104.

Mr. *Cameron* then moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions that they shall have power to amend Section 16 of the Bill, by providing that the reserves to be held by all foreign Insurance Companies, not incorporated as Mutual Companies only, and prohibited by their Charter Act of Incorporation, or articles of Association of the Company from setting apart any portion of their Assets for the benefit of any special number of their policy-holders, shall be held solely for the benefit of Canadian policy-holders; which was negatived on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed, *on a division.*

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz :—*

No. 65. To make provision for the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

No. 87. Respecting the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 42 to authorize the Town of *Kincardine*, in the County of *Bruce*, to impose and collect certain Tolls at the Harbor, in the said Town, *with amendments.* (On motion of Mr. *Gillies*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, *and concurred in*).

The Bill No. 107 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to remove doubts as to the right to vote of shareholders in certain Banks," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 79 to make provision against the improper use of fire-arms, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned at 11.30 o'clock, P. M., until *to-morrow* (*Saturday*) at 3 o'clock P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. *Fiset*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the leading officials of the Intercolonial Railway and the settlers and others interested in the Counties of Rimouski and Temiscouata, in relation to damages suffered by the latter from being prevented from crossing in order to attend to their properties; owing to the killing of their cattle going upon the line of Railway for want of fences, or in consequence of the bad condition thereof; or as to damages caused to merchandize and other effects while being carried on the cars.

No. 40.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1877.

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No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

PRAYERS were read.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The Petition of *Alexander McAllister* and others, yeomen of the Counties adjacent to the City of Ottawa, was read and received; praying that the inspection of butter may be made compulsory.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Eleventh Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills *with amendments, viz :—*

No. 53. To make further provision for the establishment and management of Building Societies, in the Province of *Quebec.*

No. 99. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company."

No. 97. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of *Canada*, (Limited)."

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Select Committee appointed to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an official Report of the Debates of The House for the present Session, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee in entering into contracts for the reporting, translating, publishing and binding the official Report of the Debates of The House, had a clause inserted in the same, by which The House had power to extend the said contracts from Session to Session.—The Committee respectfully recommend, that the said contracts be renewed for the next Session of Parliament, with the proviso with regard to the reporting :—"That five Assistants shall be employed, in place of four as at present, and for which service "an additional $500 shall be paid."

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for the House to go again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Bowell* moved in amendment, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient and improper for the Government to enter into any agreement or contract whereby public money is paid to Members of Parliament, such as the Postmaster General's Reports for 1875 and 1876, and the vouchers laid on the Table of this House on the 15th March, ult., show to have been paid to *Timothy Warren Anglin*, a Member of this House, for the County of Gloucester, namely $8,126.31, for the year ended 30th June, 1875, and $10,263.24 for the year ended 30th June, 1876, and $2,709.55 being for the quarter ended 30th September, 1876, in payment for Printing and Stationery done for, and printed by him for the Post Office Department of Canada "per agreement," as shown by the Return laid before Parliament by the Postmaster General on the 1st of March, last, and the vouchers reported to The House by the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the 15th of March, 1877, as such payments are in contravention of an Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament," which provides that:—"No person whosoever holding or enjoying, undertaking or executing *directly or* "*indirectly, alone or with any other, by himself or by the interposition of* "*any trustee or third party any contract* or *agreement* with Her Majesty, or with *any public Officer* or *Depart-* "*ment*, with respect to the public Service of Canada, or under which any public money of Canada is to be "paid for any service or work, shall be eligible as a Member of the House of Commons, nor shall he sit or "vote in the same," and are calculated to detract from the Independence of the Members of this House.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Costigan*, adjourned until *Monday*, next, to be then the first Order of the Day.

The House then adjourned at 11.45 o'clock P.M., until Monday next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mills*—On Tuesday next—BILL entitled An Act respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. *Blake*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution :—

That it is expedient to provide that the County or District Court Judges of the Province of British Columbia, may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, travelling allowances to be from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council.

Mr. *Blake*—On Tuesday next—That The House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That the Parliament of Canada has all the power necessary for making provision for the extradition from Canada of Fugitive Criminals.

2. That the Parliament and Government of Canada have all the powers proper for performing the obligations of Canada, as part of the British Empire, towards Foreign States, arising under Treaties between the Empire and Foreign States.

3. That several Extradition arrangements extending to Canada have been made between Her Majesty the Queen and Foreign States and that other such arrangements may from time to time be made.

4. That a Bill has passed both Houses of the Parliament of Canada and now awaits the Royal assent—providing by one Canadian Law for the execution of all such arrangements so soon as the operation of the Extradition Act of 1870 of the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall have ceased or been suspended within Canada.

5. That by the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom certain provisions are made for the extradition of fugitive criminals, and by the seventeenth section it is enacted that the Act when applied by Order in Council shall, unless it is otherwise provided by such order, extend to the several British Possessions in the same manner as if throughout the Act the British Possessions were substituted for England as the case may require, with certain modifications, and by the eighteenth section it is enacted that if by any law or ordinance, made before or after the passing of this Act by the Legislature of any British Possession, provision is made for carrying into effect within such Possession the surrender of fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in such British Possession, Her Majesty may, by the Order in Council applying the Act, in the case of any Foreign State, or by any subsequent order, either suspend the operation within any such British Possession of the Act or of any part thereof, so far as it relates to such Foreign State, and so long as such law or ordinance continues in force there, and no longer; or direct that such law or ordinance, or any part thereof, shall have effect in such British Possession, with or without modifications and alterations, as if it were part of the Act.

6. That the provisions of the said Act of 1870 are unsuitable to Canada.

7. That when the said Bill now awaiting the Royal assent becomes law it will be expedient that the said Act of 1870 should not extend to Canada.

8. That it is expedient to present an Address to Her Majesty, based on the preceding Resolutions, and praying that she will be graciously pleased to invite such legislation in the Parliament of the United Kingdom as will cause the operation of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to cease in Canada, and that in the meantime she will be graciously pleased by Order in Council to suspend the operations within Canada of the said Act so far as it relates to any Foreign State with which there may be an extradition arrangement.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all Reports to Council by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in relation to the Bass and Gasperaux Fisheries in the Rivers Napan and Black River, Miramichi and the shores in the vicinity of the same; also all Orders in Council made thereon since 1st January, 1874; also all Reports made by the overseers of Fisheries and by the Inspector of Fisheries in relation thereto; also all letters and correspondence had with the Department in relation to the said subject.

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton)—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875"—That the same be amended by adding in the twentieth line thereof after the words "except only in the Ports of," the words "Sydney and North Sydney."

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying him to be pleased to enforce the provisions of the 9th sub-section of section 6 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 7, and obtain from the City and District Savings Bank of Montreal:

1st. A detailed statement of the different stocks held by the Bank as collateral security for advances made by it since 1870;

2nd. A detailed statement of the valuation of each of the said stocks at the period of each loan not yet paid back and of the amounts so advanced on each stock which the Bank now holds;

3rd. The statement by means of which the Directors were enabled to fix at $180,000 the surplus assets of the said Bank in 1871, and a statement shewing whether the surplus was limited to that amount;

4th. The amount of the sums paid by the shareholders on their calls since 1870 or 1871;

5th. A statement of the notes given by the shareholders by way of instalments since 1870, and the interest or accumulated profit received by them each year since 1870.

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all Contracts, with specifications attached, between the Government or the Department of Public Works and *James Goodwin*, in the matter of the works on the Grenville Canal; also for copies of all Orders in Council modifying such contracts,—the whole since 1870.

Sir *John Macdonald*—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1st. The name of the Harbour Master at Port Colborne; the date of his appointment and the amount of his salary;

2nd. Whether it was a new appointment;

3rd. Whether the Department of Marine and Fisheries was not informed that the Harbour Master was the proprietor of a Steam Tug or Steam Tugs at the time of his appointment?

Sir *John Macdonald*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he may be pleased to lay before this House all Orders in Council relating to the creation of the office of Harbour Master at Port Colborne, and to the appointment of *Charles H. Carter* to such office, and all correspondence with the Superintendent of the Canal and other persons on the subject of such appointment, together with a copy of the Regulations for the management and protection of the Canals and Harbours.

No. 41.

OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1877.

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No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for a copy of survey, plan, estimates and Report on the improvement of Cascumpec Harbor, in Prince Edward Island, made by *Henry F. Perley*, C.E., in the year, 1874.

Also,—Return, in part, to the Order of The House on the 21st February, last; for a Return of both the inside and outside Divisions of the Civil Service by Departments shewing:—

A.—1st. Number of Employés in each division and in the whole service, arranged according to classes in both divisions where practicable or according to grades of Office in outside service where no other classification has been established, giving the number in each class, or grade.

2nd. Total salary paid in each division and in the whole service during financial year, shewing also—

(*a*)—Total paid in each class or grade during current year.

(*b*)—Maximum, minimum, and average salaries payable in each class or grade, with statement of annual increments or bonuses allowed, and hours of work.

3rd. Maximum, minimum and average age of Employés in each class or grade of both divisions; shewing also,

(*a*)—Number of Employés in each class or grade.

Over	18	and under	20	years of age.
"	20	"	25	"
"	25	"	30	"
"	30	"	40	"
"	40	"	50	"
"	50	"	60	"
"	60	"	70	"

(*b*)—Average age of Employés at time of appointment in each class or grade of both divisions, and in whole service.

(*c*)—Average age of retirement from service since Confederation.

B.—1st. Number in each class or grade and total who entered service before the establishment of Civil Service examinations.

2nd. Number appointed to each class or grade in both divisions in each year since Confederation, and totals for the whole period by classes and Departments, and in whole service.

(*a*) —As possessing special qualifications, but who were submitted to no general or special examination to test such qualifications.

(*b*)—Not on the ground of special qualifications but who were submitted to no general or special examination.

(*c*)—After undergoing a general or special examination noting which class of examination has been submitted to, and distinguishing the number who passed from the number who failed to pass but were nevertheless appointed or continued in appointments, and also the number examined and rejected.

(*d*)—Number of Cases in which examination preceded appointment and *vice versa*.

C.—1st. Regulations respecting ordinary and special examinations and appointments made under the system of examinations.

2nd. Such other regulations for the management of the service as are not established by Statute.

3rd. Copies of questions used at last general and special examinations, prior to 1st January, 1877; with Statement of what degree of proficiency was required of candidates.

4th. List of successful candidates, shewing percentage of marks obtained.

And,—Return to Address of the 28th February, last; for a copy of all Reports or statements made as to the construction or attempted construction of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway, under contract by the Hon. *A. B. Foster*; as all correspondence between the Hon. Mr. *Foster* and the Government as to the said contract or the work done thereunder, or the failure to perform the same, any Departmental Orders or Orders in Council passed as to the matter of the said Public Work, especially the Order as to the cancellation of said contract; together with a statement of the service or services for which the sum of $109,000.50 has been paid to the said *A. B. Foster*, on account of said contract,; and also for the advertisement for Tenders for the said work; the evidence showing that the Contractor was worth $4,000 per mile, as recited in said contract, and the Certificate of the deposit of the $85,000, also referred to therein; so far as not already laid before The House; and all letters, correspondence and evidence laid before the Minister of Public Works to satisfy him, in pursuance of the terms of the Order in Council, dated 4th November, 1874, and ratified by Resolution of this House on 13th March, 1875, that the Canada Central Railway Company had provided sufficient means, with the Government *bonus*, to secure the completion of the line on or before the 1st January, 1877.—Also Reports made from time to time, showing that the Company, when making such progress as justified the hope of the completion of the line within the time mentioned.—Also, a statement of payments made to said Company on account of the subsidy granted on the conditions, mentioned in said Order in Council; and of the quality, kind, and weight per yard of the Rails delivered at any point of the line to be constructed; the value of said Rails, the evidence or certificate of said value, and payments made on account of said Rails,—and the dates of such payments, and the place or places where said Rails are delivered, and if not delivered on the line to be constructed, the distance or distances therefrom.

On motion of Mr. *Archibald*, a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, requesting their Honors will give leave to the Hon. Mr. *Frank Smith*, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee appointed to enquire into, and report upon the allegations in the Report and evidence of the Commission on the Northern Railway Company, as to the application of moneys payable to the Government; and also to make a searching enquiry into the accounts of the Northern Railway, and Northern Extension Railway, so as to complete the enquiry begun and left unfinished by the Commission.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Cartwright's* proposed motion:—"That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go again into Committee of Supply,"—and the motion of Mr. *Bowell* in amendment thereto;—and which motion was:—"That Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, "That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient and improper for the Government to have "entered into any agreement or contract whereby public money is paid to Members of Parliament, such as "the Postmaster General's Reports for 1875 and 1876, and the vouchers laid on the Table of this House on the "15th March, ult., show to have been paid to *Timothy Warren Anglin*, a Member of this House, for the County "of Gloucester, namely $8,126.31, for the year ended 30th June, 1875, and $10,263.24 for the year ended "30th June, 1876, and $2,709.55 being for the quarter ended 30th September, 1876, in payment for Printing "and Stationery done for, and printed by him for the Post Office Department of Canada 'per agreement,' as "shown by the Return laid before Parliament by the Postmaster General on the 1st of March, last, and the "vouchers reported to The House by the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the 15th of March, "1877, as such payments are in contravention of an Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, "entitled: 'An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament,' which provides that:—'No person "'whosoever holding or enjoying, undertaking or executing *directly or indirectly, alone or with any other, by* "'*himself or by the interposition of any trustee or third party any contract* or *agreement* with Her Majesty, or "'with *any public Officer* or *Department*, with respect to the public Service of Canada, or under which any "'public money of Canada is to be paid for any service or work, shall be eligible as a Member of the "'House of Commons, nor shall he sit or vote in the same,' and are calculated to detract from the Indepen-"dence of the Members of this House."

And the question being put,—it was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Baby,	Desjardins,	Little,	Plumb,
Barthe,	Dewdney,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Robillard,
Benoit,	Donahue,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robinson,
Blanchet,	Farrow,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Robitaille,
Bolduc,	Ferguson,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Rochester,
Bourassa,	Flesher,	Macmillan,	Roscoe,
Bowell,	Fraser,	McCallum,	Rouleau,
Brooks,	Gaudet,	McCarthy,	Roy,
Brown,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McQuade,	Scriver,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Masson,	Short,
Cimon,	Gill,	Mitchell,	Stephenson,
Colby,	Haggart,	Moffat,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Costigan,	Harwood,	Monteith,	Tupper,
Coupal,	Hurteau,	Montplaisir,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Currier,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Orton,	White (*Hastings*),
Cuthbert,	Kirkpatrick,	Ouimet,	White (*Renfrew*),
Daoust,	Langevin,	Pinsonneault,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
DeCosmos,	Lanthier,	Platt,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—72.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Appleby,	Coffin,	Irving,	Pickard,
Archibald,	Cook,	Jetté,	Pouliot,
Aylmer,	Cunningham,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Power,
Bain,	Davies,	Killam,	Ray,
Béchard,	Dawson,	Kirk,	Richard,
Bernier,	Delorme,	Laflamme,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bertram,	De St. Georges,	Lajoie,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Biggar,	DeVeber,	Landerkin,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Blackburn,	Dymond,	Laurier,	Ryan,
Blake,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Rymal,
Borden,	Fiset,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Scatcherd,
Borron,	Fleming,	MacDonnell (*Inverness*),	Shibley,
Boyer,	Flynn,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Sinclair,
Brouse,	Forbes,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Buell,	Fréchette,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Burk,	Galbraith,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Geoffrion,	McCraney,	Snider,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibson,	McGregor,	St. Jean,
Carmichael,	Gillies,	McIntyre,	Taschereau,
Cartwright,	Gillmor,	McIsaac,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Casey,	Goudge,	McLeod,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Casgrain,	Greenway,	McNab,	Trow,
Cauchon,	Guthrie,	Metcalfe,	Vail,
Charlton,	Hagar,	Mills,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cheval,	Hall,	Oliver,	Wood,
Christie,	Higinbotham,	Paterson,	Workman,
Church,	Holton,	Perry,	Young.—111.
Cockburn,	Horton,	Pettes,	

The House then went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

X.—PENSIONS.

57 { *Samuel Waller*, late Clerk House of Assembly..... $400 00
Joseph Bright, Messenger " " 80 00
Mrs. *Antrobus*..... 800 00

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, *to-morrow*.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

TUESDAY, 10th April, 1877.

On motion of Mr. *Casey* it was *Resolved*, That the attention of this House having been called to the Reports, Returns, and Vouchers laid upon the Table, touching the payment of public monies to the Hon. *T. W. Anglin*, Member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, for Printing and Stationery for the Post Office Department, the said papers be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and they be directed to enquire into the facts, to search for precedents, and to report the result of their enquiries; and whether the said Hon. *T. W. Anglin* has vacated his seat.

A Message was received from the Senate,—giving leave to the Hon. *Frank Smith*, one of its Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations in the Report and Evidence of the Commission of the Northern Railway Company, as to the application of moneys payable to the Government; and also to make a searching inquiry into the accounts of the Northern Railway and Northern Extension Railway, so as to complete the inquiry begun and left unfinished by the said Commission, if he thinks fit.

Also,—agreeing to the following Bill, *without amendment*, *viz* :—

No. 83. To amend the Acts relating to the Inspection of Steamboats.

On motion of Mr *Mackenzie*, the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills, was further extended for one week.

The House then adjourned at 12.35 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Trow*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish the collection of postage from the publishers of Newspapers in the City, Town and County of publication?

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland)—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide under the authority given to the Legislative authority of any British Possession by section 547 of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, known as "*The Merchant Shipping Act* 1854," that the twenty-third section of *The Merchant Shipping Act*, 1876, shall be repealed as respects ships registered in Canada, from and after the time to be fixed for that purpose by the Proclamation in Canada after approval and confirmation by Her Majesty in Council of the Act of the Parliament of Canada to be passed for that purpose.

No. 42.

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OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

The Petition of Messrs. *William Dow* and Company, and others, Brewers of the Dominion of Canada; praying that the duty on Malt may be abolished; and the Petition of *Blowers Archibald*, and others, setting forth the importance of continuing to provide for the fortnightly Mail service between *Liverpool* and *Halifax* during the summer months; and praying that the many and varied interests involved, may be conserved, and the connection maintained, were read and received.

A motion being made by Mr. *Blake*, that this House will, *to-morrow*, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution,—That it is expedient to provide that the County or District Court Judges of the Province of *British Columbia*, may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *Canada*, travelling allowances to be from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council

Mr. *Mackenzie*, by command of His Excellency, acquainted The House, that His Excellency the Governor General having been informed of the subject matter of the said proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of The House.

Resolved, That this House will, *to-morrow*, resolve itself into the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain proposed Resolutions, respecting the extradition from Canada of Fugitive Criminals.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Parliament of Canada has all the power necessary for making provision for the extradition from Canada of Fugitive Criminals.

2. *Resolved*, That the Parliament and Government of Canada have all the powers proper for performing the obligations of Canada, as part of the British Empire, towards Foreign States, arising under Treaties between the Empire and Foreign States.

3. *Resolved*, That several Extradition arrangements extending to Canada have been made between Her Majesty the Queen and Foreign States and that other such arrangements may from time to time be made.

4. *Resolved*, That it is proper to make provision by one Canadian Law for the execution, as respects Canada of all such arrangements

5. *Resolved*, That a Bill has passed both Houses of the Parliament of Canada and now awaits the Royal assent—providing for the execution as respects Canada of all such arrangements so soon as the operation of the Extradition Act of 1870 of the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall have ceased or been suspended within Canada.

6. *Resolved*, That by the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom certain provisions are made for the extradition of fugitive criminals, and by the seventeenth section it is enacted that the Act when applied by Order in Council shall, unless it is otherwise provided by such order, extend to the several British Possessions in the same manner as if throughout the Act the British Possessions were substituted for England as the case may require, with certain modifications, and by the eighteenth section it is enacted that if by any law or ordinance, made before or after the passing of the said Act, by the Legislature of any British Possession, provision is made for carrying into effect within such Possession the surrender of fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in such British Possession, Her Majesty may, by the Order in Council applying the Act, in the case of any Foreign State, or by any subsequent Order, either suspend the operation within any such British Possession of the Act or of any part thereof, so far as it relates to such Foreign State, and so long as such law or ordinance continues in force there, and no longer, or direct that such law or ordinance, or any part thereof, shall have effect in such British Possession, with or without modifications and alterations, as if it were part of the Act.

7. *Resolved*, That the provisions of the said Act of 1870 are unsuitable to Canada.

8. *Resolved*, That when the said Bill now awaiting the Royal assent becomes law it will be expedient that the said Act of 1870 should not extend to Canada.

9. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to present an Address to Her Majesty, based on the preceding Resolutions, and praying that she will be graciously pleased to invite such legislation in the Parliament of the United Kingdom as will cause the operation of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to cease in Canada, and that in the meantime she will be graciously pleased by Order in Council to suspend the operation within Canada of the said Act so far as it relates to any Foreign State with which there may be an extradition arrangement.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs *Blake*, *Mackenzie*, *Mills*, *Laurier*, and *Young*, to draft an Address, embodying the same.

Mr. *Blake*, from the said Committee, reported the draft of an Address to Her Majesty, which was read a second time, and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and is, as follows:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, Your Majasty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:

That the Parliament of Canada has all the power necessary for making provision for the extradition from Canada of Fugitive Criminals.

That the Parliament and Government of Canada have all the powers proper for performing the obligations of Canada, as part of the British Empire, towards Foreign States, arising under Treaties between the Empire and Foreign States.

That several Extradition arrangements extending to Canada have been made between Your Majesty and Foreign States and that other such arrangements may from time to time be made.

That it is proper to make provisions by one Canadian law, for the execution as respects Canada, of all such arrangements.

That a Bill has passed both Houses of the Parliament of Canada and now awaits Your Majesty's assent providing for the execution, as respects Canada, of all such arrangements as soon as the operation of the Extradition Act of 1870 of the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall have ceased or been suspended within Canada.

That by the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom certain provisions are made for the extradition of fugitive criminals, and by the seventeenth section it is enacted that the Act when applied by Order in Council shall, unless it is otherwise provided by such Order, extend to the several British Possessions in the same manner as if throughout the Act the British Possessions were substituted for England as the case may require, with certain modifications, and by the eighteenth section it is enacted that if by any law or ordinance, made before or after the passing of the said Act, by the Legislature of any British Possession, provision is made for carrying into effect within such Possession the surrender of fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in such British Possession, Your Majesty may, by the Order in Council applying the Act, in the case of any Foreign State, or by any subsequent Order, either suspend the operation within any such British Possession of the Act or of any part thereof, so far as it relates to such Foreign State, and so long as such law or ordinance continues in force there, and no longer, or direct that such law or ordinance, or any part thereof, shall have effect in such British Possession, with or without modifications and alterations, as if it were part of the Act.

That the provisions of the said Act of 1870 are unsuitable to Canada.

That when the said Bill now awaiting Your Majesty's assent becomes law it will be expedient that the said Act of 1870 should not extend to Canada.

We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to invite such legislation in the Parliament of the United Kingdom as will cause the operation of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to cease in Canada, and that in the meantime Your Majesty will be graciously pleased by Order in Council to suspend the operation within Canada of the said Act so far as it relates to any Foreign State with which there may be an extradition arrangement.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, requesting their Honors will unite with this House, in the said Address.

The Bill No. 106 respecting the measurement of ships, registered under the repealed Act of the late Province of *Canada*, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 110 to transfer the management of certain Harbors, Piers, and Breakwaters from the Department of Public Works, to the Department of Marine and Fisheries, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 108 to amend an Act further to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported the amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* moved in amendment thereto, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That the *Fort Francis Lock* is said to be a part of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the money spent thereon has been expended out of the Pacific Railway appropriation, and that the said work is therefore subject to the provisions of the Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874.

That by Section 11 of the Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874, it is enacted that "no contract for any "portion of the main line of the said Railway shall be binding until it shall have been laid before the House "of Commons for one month without being disapproved, unless sooner approved by a Resolution of The "House."

And by Section 12 of the said Act, it is enacted that "in case it shall be found by the Governor in "Council more advantageous to construct the said Railway, or any portion thereof, as a public work of the "*Dominion of Canada*, the construction thereof shall be let out by contracts offered to public competition."

That the construction of the *Fort Francis Lock* has been carried on as a work of the *Dominion* by time work, and has not been let out by contract, offered to public competition.

That no Order in Council has been passed, authorizing the construction of said work, or the application of the Parliamentary appropriation thereto.

That it does not appear from the papers laid before The House, that the Chief or any Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway Survey, has ever recommended the construction of the said *Lock;* nor does it appear that there was, or is, any estimate of the cost of the improvements on *Rainy Lake* and *Rainy River*, and water stretches connecting therewith, necessary to attain the object for which the said Lock is being constructed:

That in in the opinion of this House the commencement of said work without any Order in Council, authorizing the same, and the construction of the said work, otherwise than by contract offered to public competition, is unconstitutional and a violation of the express terms of the Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874.

And the question being put on the said proposed amendment,—it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,
Benoit,
Blanchet,
Bowell,
Brooks,
Bunster,
Caron,
Cimon,
Colby,
Costigan,
Coupal,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
Desjardins,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Donahue,
Farrow,
Ferguson,
Flesher,
Fraser,
Gaudet,
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Gill,
Harwood,
Hurteau,
Jones (*Leeds*),
Kirkpatrick,
Langevin,
Lanthier,
Little,
Macdonald (*Kingston*),
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
McQuade,
Masson,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Montplaisir,
Mousseau,
Orton,
Ouimet,
Pinsonneault,
Platt,
Plumb,
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Rochester,
Rouleau,
Roy,
Stephenson,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Tupper,
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Hastings*),
White (*Renfrew*).—59

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Higinbotham,	Pouliot,
Archibald,	Cockburn,	Holton,	Power,
Aylmer,	Coffin,	Horton,	Ray,
Bain,	Cook,	Irving,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bannatyne,	Cunningham,	Jetté,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Barthe,	Davies,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Béchard,	Dawson,	Kirk,	Ryan,
Bernier,	Delorme,	Laflamme,	Rymal,
Bertram,	De St. Georges,	Lajoie,	Scatcherd,
Blake,	DeVeber,	Landerkin,	Scriver,
Borden,	Dymond,	Laurier,	Shibley,
Borron,	Ferris,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Sinclair,
Bourassa,	Fiset,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Boyer,	Fleming,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Brouse,	Flynn,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Snider,
Brown,	Forbes,	Mackenzie,	St. Jean,
Buell,	Fréchette,	McCraney,	Taschereau,
Burk,	Galbraith,	McIntyre,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Geoffrion,	McLeod,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibson,	McNab,	Trow,
Carmichael,	Gillies,	Metcalfe,	Vail,
Cartwright,	Gillmor,	Mills,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Casey,	Goudge,	Oliver,	Wood,
Cauchon,	Greenway,	Paterson,	Workman,
Charlton,	Guthrie,	Perry,	Wright (*Pontiac*),
Cheval,	Hagar,	Pettes,	Young.—107.
Christie,	Hall,	Pickard,	

The House then went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

New Militia Pensions.

	Mr Caroline McEachern and four children	265 00
	Rhoda Smith	110 00
	Janet Anderson	110 00
	Margaret Mackenzie	80 00
	Mary Ann Richey and one child	288 00
	Mary Morrison	80 00
	Louise Prud'homme and two children	110 00
	Virginie Charron and four children	150 00
	Paul M. Robins	146 00
	Charles T. Bell	73 00
	Alex. Oliphant	109 50
	Charles Lugsden	91 25
	Thomas Charters	91 25
	Charles T. Robertson	110 00
	Percy G. Routh	400 00
	Richard S. King	400 00
58	George A. Mackenzie	73 00
	Edward Hilder	146 00
	Fergus Scholfield	73 00
	John Bradley	109 50
	Richard Penticost	91 25
	James Bryan	109 50
	Jacob Stubbs	73 00
	Ensign W. Fahey	200 00
	Mary Connor	110 00
	Mary Hodgins and three children	191 00
	John Martin	110 00
	A. W. Stevenson	110 00
	Mrs. J. Thorburn	**150 00**
	Mrs. P. T. Worthington and children	378 00
	Mrs. J. H. Elliott and children	130 00
	Ellen Kirkpatrick and three children	266 00
	Mrs. George Prentice and children	400 00
	Mary Hannah Temple and child	298 00

59	To meet the probable amount required for Pensions to Veterans of War of 1812		$50,000 00
60	Compensation to Pensioners in lieu of land		8,000 00

XI.—MILITIA.

Ordinary.

61	Salaries of Military Branch and District Staff		28,600 00

And the House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight;

WEDNESDAY, 11th April, 1877.

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

62	Salaries of Brigade Majors		20,000 00
63	Allowances for Drill Instruction		40,000 00
64	Ammunition	$40,000 00	120,000 00
	Clothing	40,000 00	
	Military Stores	40,000 00	
65	Public Armouries and care of arms, including the pay of Storekeepers and Caretakers, Storemen, and the rents, fuel and light of Public Armouries		52,000 00
66	Drill pay and all other incidental expenses connected with the Drill and Training of the Militia		155,000 00
67	Contingencies and general service not otherwise provided for, including assistance to Artillery and Rifle Associations and Bands of efficient Corps		45,000 00
68	Drill Sheds and Rifle Ranges		10,000 00

Extraordinary.

69	Care and maintenance of Military Properties transferred from the Ordnance and the Imperial Government, including rents		10,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next sitting of The House, *this day.*

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz* :—

No. 12. To grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited.)

No. 86. To amend an Act to impose License Dues on Compounders of Spirits; to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink, and Drugs.

The House then adjourned at 2.15 o'clock, A.M., until this day.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mitchell*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why is it that the Mail Train which leaves Halifax on the arrival of the British Steamer does not carry and deliver an English Mail for Miramichi and other important centres of Trade and Commerce along said Line ?

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—That for the remainder of the Session Government business shall have precedence on Mondays.

Mr. *Plumb*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for Return of all iron purchased by any of the Departments of the Government, for other than Railway purposes, the person from whom purchased, the prices paid, and whether the same was purchased by tender or otherwise and the purpose for which said iron is required.

No. 43.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1877.

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 40 Victoria, 1877.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Twenty-three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to Address of the 28th ultimo; for a Return shewing the names of all Government Officials in Prince Edward Island, specifying nature of office held by each, date of appointment, and amount of salary.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Twelfth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

That the fees on the Bill No. 10 to further amend the Act to incorporate "The London and Canada Bank," and to amend the Acts amending the same, not having been paid, they have not considered the said Bill.

That the promoter of the Bill No, 37 relating to the protest of Inland Bills, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, not desiring to proceed, the Committee recommend, that he have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

That the promoters of the Bill No. 51 to extend the powers of "The Montreal Loan and Mortgage "Company," having intimated their desire to accept the provisions of the General Act of this Session, respecting Joint Stock and Loan Companies, the Committee recommend, that they be allowed to withdraw the said Bill, and that the fees paid thereon, be refunded, less the cost of printing and translation.

The Bill No. 88 to regulate the floating of cordwood in the *River St. Francis*, the Committee considered, and finding the information laid before them, as to the possible effect on the navigation of the *River St. Francis*, and on private rights, *insufficient*, have not proceeded with the said Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, it was *Resolved*, That in accordance with the Report of the Select Standing Committee on *Banking and Commerce*, for leave to withdraw the Bill No. 51 to extend the powers of "The Montreal Loan and Mortgage Company," leave be granted and that the fees paid thereon be refunded, less the cost of printing and translation.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Third Report of the Select Committee, to consider what arrangements can be made for securing an official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. *Jones* (Halifax), in accordance with the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, he obtained leave to withdraw the Bill No. 37 relating to the protest on Inland Bills, in the *Province* of *Nova Scotia.*

On motion of Mr. *White* (Renfrew), an Order of The House was issued to the proper Officer; for copies of all correspondence and papers, relating to the dismissal of *John Harvey,* from the position of *Slide-master,* at the Village of *Arnprior.*

On motion of Mr. *Cimon,* an Order of The House was issued to the proper Officer; for copies of all correspondence, respecting the lessening of the number of the Mails between *Chicoutimi* and *L'Anse au Foin,* in the *County* of *Chicoutimi.*

Mr. *Robinson* moved; that The House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide that so far as the concurrence of the Parliament of Canada may be necessary for the purpose, the Legislature of the Province of Ontario or of the Province of Quebec, shall be authorized and empowered to provide that the votes of the Electors under the Act of the late Province of Canada, 27, 28, *Vict.* Chap. 18, therein, called "*The Temperance Act,*" and commonly known as "The Dunkin Act," shall be given by ballot in such manner as the Provincial Legislature may direct, subject to such provisions and changes only as may be deemed necessary for the purpose, but retaining all the provisions of the Act which are not inconsistent with the voting by ballot.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *DeCosmos,* an Address was voted to His Excellency the Governor General; for a copy of all correspondence, respecting a Special Tariff for the *Province* of *British Columbia.*

A Message was received from the Senate agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*—

No. 82. To authorize the transfer of the *Truro* and *Pictou* Branch of the *Intercolonial Railway,* to the person or Company, constructing a line of Railway, from *New Glasgow* to the Strait of *Canso,* and providing a proper Ferry across the Strait.

No. 94. To provide for the employment, without the walls of Common Gaols, of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment therein.

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz:*—

No. 20. To amend the Act, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited)." (On motion of Mr. *Holton,* the said amendments were read the first time, and the Bill and the amendments referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce).

No. 29. To amend the Act incorporating "The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited)." (On motion of Mr. *Holton,* the said amendments were read the first time, and the Bill and the amendments referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce).

Mr. *Bowell* moved, that an Order of The House do issue to the proper Officer; for a Return of all fees paid by the Government of Canada to, and the names of all Counsel, Solicitors, or Attornies employed in connection with the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Northern Railway; also the names of all Counsel, Solicitors, or Attornies that have been employed at Toronto by the Dominion Government, or by any Department, or Head of Department of said Government; and a statement of all fees paid to such persons by the Government or services in connection with the business of the Government of Canada.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *McDougall* (Renfrew), an Order of The House was issued to the proper Officer; for a copy of the Engineer's Report of the Bonnechère and other possible route of the Canada Central Extension.

On motion of Mr. *Tupper,* an Order of The House was issued to the proper Officer; for copies of all Petitions and correspondence, relating to the change made in the Mail route between the Intercolonial Railway and Granville.

Mr. *Fréchette* moved, that The House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to advise the Government to take, as soon as possible, the best steps they will think proper, to test the possibility and practicability of navigating the *Lower St. Lawrence,* from *Quebec* to the *Ocean.*

And a Debate arising thereon,—at 6 o'clock, P. M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House, until half past seven o'clock, P. M.

7.30 P. M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The following Bills were severally considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *viz:*—

No. 97. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited)." (*as amended.*)

No. 99. From the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company." (*as amended.*)

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill No. 62 respecting the Northern Railway of Canada, being read;

Mr. *Cartwright*, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, acquainted The House, that His Excellency having been informed of the purport of this Bill, gives his consent, as far as the interest of the Government is concerned, that The House may do therein, as they shall think fit.

The said Bill was then read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on *Railways, Canals*, and *Telegraph Lines*.

(*Public Orders.*)

The House resumed the further consideration of Mr. *Schultz*' proposed motion, That in the opinion of this House a Prohibitory Liquor Law is the only effectual remedy for the evil of Intemperance, and that it is the duty of the Government to submit such a measure for the approval of Parliament at the earliest moment practicable,—and the motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex) in amendment thereto; and which motion was:—That all the words after "that" in the original motion be expunged and the following substituted in lieu thereof,—"Whereas grave doubts exist, whether under the provisions of '*The British North America* "*Act*, 1867,' this House has the power to deal with the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, as a beverage, and,"

"Whereas the Court of Error and Appeal in the Province of Ontario has referred a case to the "Supreme Court, whereby the relative jurisdiction of the Provincial and Dominion Legislatures over the "Liquor Traffic will be argued."

"Be it therefore *Resolved*, That this House, while not receding from any previous declaration on the "importance of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, deems it inexpedient under these circumstances, at present to "express any opinion regarding the action to be taken by the Government, in dealing with this question."

And the question being put on the said proposed amendment; it was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby,
Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bain,
Barthe,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Biggar,
Blake,
Borden,
Bourassa,
Brooks,
Brouse,
Brown,
Bunster,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Christie,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Colby,
Cook,
Coupal,
Cunningham,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Geoffrion,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Greenway,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Irving,
Jetté,
Jones (*Halifax*),
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Cornwall*),
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
MacDonnell (*Inverness*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McIntyre,
McIsaac,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pickard,
Ray,
Robillard,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Rymal,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Short,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
St. Jean,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Thomson (*Welland*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wood,
Workman,
Young.—104.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Farrow,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Robitaille,
Benoit,	Ferguson,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Rochester,
Blanchet,	Flesher,	McCallum,	Rouleau,
Bowell,	Fraser,	McQuade,	Roy,
Cameron,	Gaudet,	Masson,	Schultz,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Monteith,	Sinclair,
Cheval,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Montplaisir,	Stephenson,
Cimon,	Gill,	Mousseau,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Costigan,	Haggart,	Ouimet,	Tupper,
Cuthbert,	Hurteau,	Palmer,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Daoust,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Pettes,	White (*Hastings*),
DeCosmos,	Kirkpatrick,	Pinsonneault,	White (*Renfrew*),
Desjardins,	Langevin,	Platt,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Dewdney,	Lanthier,	Plumb,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—59.
Domville,	Little,	Robinson,	

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to on the same division.

The Bill No. 21 to amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 50, respecting Permanent Building Societies in *Ontario*, was read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 53 to make further provision respecting the constituting and management of Building Societies in the Province of *Quebec*, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendment concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned at 11.35 o'clock P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Domville*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all Orders in Council appointing Staff Officers in the Militia since 1st January, 1875, and all reports by the Major General Commanding, and all letters and papers relating to the appointment and removal of Staff Officers in the Militia since 1st January, 1875.

Mr. *Brooks*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps during the present Session to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench and of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec, and particularly those residing in the larger districts or any of them, so as to make them equal to the income of the Judges of the Superior Courts in the Province of Ontario from whatever source obtained; or to bring in any measure increasing or altering the salaries of such Judges?

Mr. *Blake*—On Friday next—BILL—An Act respecting the Great Seals of the Provinces of Canada, other than Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for papers shewing the dates of the several payments made to the Contractors of Ingonish Harbor,—also certificates of Engineer for such payments, and for the payment of extras.

Mr. *Cheval*—On motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 106—the following amendment:—That the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the said Bill by adding to the third section thereof the following words:—"And any "amount which may have been paid previous to the passing of this Act, by the owner or master of any "steamship, over and above the amount which under this Act he is held to pay, shall be refunded to him."

Mr. *Cimon*—On Friday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—1st. For copies of all correspondence respecting the appointment of Mr. *Benjamin Lagacé*, as Postmaster of Jonquières, in the County of Chicoutimi;—2nd. Copies of the latest tenders for the conveyance of the Mails between Chicoutimi and Jonquières;—3rd. Return showing to whom the contract for the said conveyance of the Mails was granted; and in consideration of what sum of money it was taken: and whether the contract was given to the lowest tender.

Mr. *Gillies*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the Mail service twice a day to Paisley, Port Elgin and Southampton, as at present enjoyed by Walkerton; and if not, why not?

Mr. *Wright* (Pontiac)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Is it proposed to make any alteration in the Slide-mastership of the Black River, County of Pontiac; and if so, for what reasons?

PRIVATE BILL NOTICE.

The following Bill was this day posted for consideration by the *Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines on or after, Wednesday 18th instant:*—

No. 62. Respecting the Northern Railway of Canada.

No. 44.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Return to Address of the 28th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Local Government of British Columbia, relative to the appointment of a County Court Judge for the District of New Westminster in place of *Arthur T. Bushby* deceased.

Mr. *Mills* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 8th ultimo; for a Return shewing the quantity of wood land in the County of Marquette, and the number of licenses to cut wood or timber, in the said County, sold or issued by the Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba, during the last three years, to persons not being actual settlers.

Also,—Return to Address of the 26th ultimo; for copies of all communications from the first Council of the North-West Territories in regard to the preservation of the Buffalo; all communication on the same subject from Indian Commissioners or other Dominion Government officials and all Orders in Council or Acts passed by the present Government of the North-West Territories having this object in view.

And,—Return to Address of the 2nd instant; for copies of any correspondence between the Local and the Dominion Governments during 1876, with reference to the adjustment of Indian Lands, in British Columbia.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to Address of the 19th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, on the subject of the arrangements effected with the latter permitting the carriages of the Intercolonial Railway Company to run over that section of their Railway between Rivière-du-Loup and Point Levis.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 26th ultimo; for a copy of the Engineer's Report of the Survey of Parry Sound Harbour, made by Mr. *Michaud*, C.E. and others, in 1876.

Also,—Return to Address of the 19th February, last; for a Return shewing the number of accidents to persons caught in "*Railway Frogs*"; the points where the accidents occurred, and the particulars connected therewith; for the five years ending 31st December last.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for a monthly Return of the malt taken out of bond each month from the 1st July, 1876, to the 28th February, 1877.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they *be printed, viz:*—

Return to Address (Senate,)—Correspondence between the Government and the Contractors for the construction of the Pacific Telegraph, and copies of Contracts for the several portions thereof. (*Condensed.*)

Return to Address,—Copies of all papers connected with the awarding of Section 15 of the Canada Pacific Railway, copies of advertisements, and names of parties tendering, &c. (*Condensed.*)

Return to Order,—Tenders received for construction of Contract No. 15, Canadian Pacific Railway, with instructions to the Engineer in charge, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Statement shewing the quantity of land purchased for Railway purposes by the Government, on the Kaministiquia, for a terminus for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Return to Address,—Statement made as to the construction of the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway, under contract by the Hon. *A. B. Foster*, &c.; together with a Statement of the services for which the sum of $109,000.50 has been paid, &c.; *with map attached.*

Return to Order, shewing the general nature and value of all Manufactured Goods imported into Canada from the United States in the years 1874-'75-'76, &c.

Return to Address, having reference to the Goderich Harbour Works in 1874.

Return to Order,—Government deposits in the different Banks of the Dominion on the 1st day of each month, from January 1st, 1876, to January 1st, 1877, &c. (*Condensed.*)

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence between the Direct United States Cable Line Company and the Government, &c., since 21st March, 1876.

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence on the subject of removing the Staff and Museum of the Geological Survey from Montreal to Ottawa, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government and Mr. *T. C. Dupont*, with reference to his inspection of the several Customs' Stations between Victoria and Kootenay in 1876.

Return to Address (Senate),—Instructions to the Hon. *Alex. Morris*, Lieutenant Governor North-West Territories, &c. (*Sessional papers only.*)

The Committee also recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz:*—

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence on Article XX of the Washington Treaty.

Return to Order,—Statement of all Steam Fire Engines imported into the Dominion of Canada, the country whence imported, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence in regard to the appointment of Mr. *James McAllister* to the position of Cashier of the Intercolonial Railway, &c.

Return to Order,—Statement of all accidents which have occurred on the Intercolonial Railway since 1st July last, and cost of indemnification, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Statement of the amounts expended on behalf of the Dominion in the Government Immigration Department in London, England, and all expenditures connected therewith, &c.

Return to Order, shewing amount paid by each Steamboat as Wharfage dues to the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal in 1875-76.

Return to Order,—Report of the Government Engineer on the practicability of opening Aspy Bay Harbor, Victoria, so as to admit vessels of a certain tonnage.

Return to Order, shewing the number of Post Office and Custom House Buildings owned by the Dominion, the names of the cities where the same are situated, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence respecting the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, since July, 1874.

Return to Order,—Correspondence with reference to the loss of a Mail bag between Truro and Halifax, on or about 14th December last, &c.

Return to Order,—Copy of Commission appointing *John Mowat* a Fishery Overseer in the County of Restigouche, N.B., &c.

Return to Order,—Number of persons who have obtained licenses to erect Deep Sea Weirs or Pounds for the capturing of Fish.

Return to Order,—Copies of Petitions respecting the establishment of a Post Office at Notre Dame de Grâce, near Montreal, and of another at St. Cunègonde, in the County of Hochelaga, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence with reference to the appointment of Mr. *J. G. Norris* as Deputy Collector of Customs, Kootenay, B.C.

Return to Order,—Correspondence connected with the seizure of the Schooner "Napier" in Ingonish, in 1872, for smuggling, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the Superannuation of *W. Warren*, Esq., late Collector of Customs at Whitby, Ont.

Return to Order, shewing the title held by the Government to the land and other property connected with the Fish-breeding establishment at Newcastle, Ont.

Return to Order,—Copies of leases of the right to fish in the non-tidal waters of New Brunswick.

Return to Order,—Instructions given for the division of the Ordnance property at Quebec, known as the Cove Field, and the cost of dividing and selling the same, &c.

Return to Order, shewing the number of Illicit Stills seized by the Revenue Officers of the Dominion in 1873-74-75.

Return to Address (Senate) and *Order* (House of Commons),—Survey and Report on the improvement of Cascumpec Harbour, P.E.I., made by *C. Perley*, Esq., C.E.

Return to Order,—Quantity and price of land purchased for the construction and maintenance of the Kingston and Ottawa Division of the Rideau Canal, &c.

Return to Order, shewing the expenditure incurred by the Post Office Department for carrying the Mails below Quebec during the whole time when the Grand Trunk was stopped by snow in 1874-'75 and '76.

Return to Order, shewing the Inside and Outside Divisions of the Civil Service by Departments, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),----Reports and Estimates of the Engineer upon the works proposed to be performed at Arisaig, Annapolis, Baxter's Harbour, N.S., &c., &c.

Supplementary Return,—Statement of money expended in the building a Marine Hospital at Sydney, Cape Breton.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government and *F. J. Bernard*, Esq., Contractor for the Telegraph Lines in British Columbia.

Return to Order, shewing all amounts carried over by Order in Council at the end of the Financial Year under the authority of Chapter 2 of the Acts of last Session, &c., &c.

Mr. *Mills* introduced a Bill No. 111 respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the *Provinces* of *Ontario* and *Quebec;* which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to rrow.*

On motion of Mr. *Irving*, the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, obtained leave to employ a *short-hand writer.*

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to provide under the authority given to the Legislative authority of any British Possession by Section 547 of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, known as "*The Merchant Shipping Act*, 1854," that the twenty-third section of *The Merchant Shipping Act*, 1876, shall be repealed as respects ships registered in Canada, from and after the time to be fixed for that purpose by the Proclamation in Canada after approval and confirmation by Her Majesty in Council of the Act of the Parliament of Canada to be passed for that purpose.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 106 respecting the measurement of Ships, registered under the repealed Act of the late Province of Canada, being read;

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), the said Order was discharged, and the Bill re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to the Committee, that they have power to amend the same, by adding the following, after the word "*Tonnage*," in line 38 of Clause 1:—"for all purposes except those of "'An Act respecting the Inspection of Steamboats, and for the greater safety of passengers by them,' passed "in 1868—and Acts in Amendment thereof, for which last mentioned purposes, the *Tonnage* shall remain, "as at present."

The said Bill was accordingly re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, amended in accordance with the instructions, reported, the amendment concurred in, the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 108 further to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875, being read;

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), the said Order was discharged, and the Bill re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to the Committee that they have power to amend the Bill by adding the following words, after the word "authority" in line 28, Clause 2:—"which collects the Pilotage "dues."

The said Bill was accordingly re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, amended in accordance with the instructions, reported, the amendment concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day, for taking into consideration the amendments made in Committee of the Whole to the Bill No. 41 to establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the *Province* of *Ontario*, being read;

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, the said Order was discharged, and the Bill re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, further amended, and reported.—Consideration of the Bill, as amended, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 95 for the repression of Betting and Pool selling, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 103 to amend the Act respecting the culling of Timber, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 91 to amend "An Act respecting the Inland Revenue," was read a third time, and passed.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution in relation to the Inspection of *Petroleum.*

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to provide for the inspection of Petroleum by properly skilled persons, more especially with respect to its being explosive or non-explosive, and to define the test by which this shall be determined,—to prevent the sale for consumption in Canada of any Petroleum not inspected, by imposing a penalty on persons offering it for sale, except only for exportation, and by subjecting it to seizure and forfeiture:—and to provide for the payment of fees not exceeding 3 cents for the inspection of any package containing not more than ten gallons, and 5 cents for every package containing more than ten gallons and not more than forty gallons, and so in proportion for any greater quantity.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 112 to provide for the Inspection of *Petroleum;* which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, to provide for the payment of the travelling allowances of certain Judges in *British Columbia.*

Resolved,—That it is expedient to provide that the County or District Court Judges of the Province of British Columbia may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, travelling allowances to be from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Blake* then introduced Bill No. 113 to provide for the payment of travelling allowances, to certain Judges of *British Columbia;* which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Costigan,* moved in amendment thereto, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved,*—That in pursuance of the terms of an Address, passed by this House on the 13th day of February, 1875, a full amnesty was granted to all persons concerned in the North-West troubles, for all acts committed by them, during the said troubles, save only *Louis Riel, A. D. Lépine W. D. O'Donoughue,* and a a partial amnesty was granted to *Louis Riel* and *A. D. Lépine,* conditional on five years' banishment from Her Majesty's Dominion, thereby leaving the said *W. D. O'Donoughue* as the only person liable to the extreme penalty of the Law for all acts committed by him during the said troubles;—That this solitary exception, has created dissatisfaction among a large class of Her Majesty's loyal subjects of the same nationality, as the said *W. D. O'Donoughue,* and that in the opinion of this House, as all disquiet and fear of disturbances have long since ceased in the North-West Territories, it is just and proper that the said *W. D. O'Donoughue* be placed in the same position, with regard to the said troubles, as *Louis Riel* and *A. D. Lépine.*

And the question being put on the said proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	DeCosmos,	Lanthier,	Platt,
Benoit,	Desjardins,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Plumb,
Bernier,	Dewdney,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Blanchet,	Domville,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Robinson,
Bolduc,	Farrow,	Macmillan,	Robitaille,
Bowell,	Fraser,	McCallum,	Rochester,
Cameron,	Gaudet,	McQuade,	Rouleau,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Masson,	Roy,
Cimon,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Mitchell,	Stephenson,
Colby,	Gill,	Monteith,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Costigan,	Harwood,	Montplaisir,	Tupper,
Coupal,	Hurteau,	Mousseau,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Currier,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Orton,	White (*Hastings*),
Cuthbert,	Kirkpatrick,	Ouimet,	Wright (*Ottawa*),
Daoust,	Langevin,	Pinsonneault,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—60.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Jetté,	Pouliot,
Archibald,	Cockburn,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Power,
Aylmer,	Coffin,	Kirk,	Ray,
Bain,	Cook,	Laflamme,	Robillard,
Bannatyne,	Cunningham,	Lajoie,	Ross (*Durham*),
Barthe,	Delorme,	Landerkin,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Béchard,	DeVeber,	Langlois,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bertram,	Dymond,	Laurier,	Ryan,
Biggar,	Ferris,	Little,	Rymal,
Blackburn,	Fiset,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Scatcherd,
Blake,	Fleming,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Scriver,
Borden,	Flesher,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Shibley,
Borron,	Flynn,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Sinclair,
Bowman,	Fréchette,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Peel*),
Boyer,	Galbraith,	McCraney,	Smith (*Selkirk*).
Brown,	Gibson,	McIntyre,	Smith *Westmoreland*,
Buell,	Gillmor,	McIsaac,	Snider,
Burk,	Goudge,	McLeod,	St. Jean,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Greenway,	McNab,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Guthrie,	Metcalfe,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Carmichael,	Hagar,	Mills,	Trow,
Cartwright,	Hall,	Oliver,	Vail,
Casey,	Higinbotham,	Paterson,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Cauchon,	Holton,	Perry,	Wood,
Charlton,	Horton,	Pettes,	Workman,
Cheval,	Irving,	Pickard,	Young.—105.
Christie,			

The House then went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Special.

70 Pay, Maintenance and Equipment of "A" and "B" Batteries Garrison Artillery and Schools of Gunnery, Kingston and Quebec 115,000 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee, until 12 of the clock, midnight;

FRIDAY, 13th April, 1877.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

71	Military College.....	35,000 00
72	Military Schools, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.....	10,000 00
73	Pay and Maintenance of Dominion Forces in Manitoba.....	35,000 00
74	Mounted Police, N. W. T.....	306,356 50

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next sitting of The House, *this day*.

Mr. *Young*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to whom was referred the following *items* of expenditure of Secret Service funds, *viz*:—The item of $15,086.41 for the year 1868; the item of $33,103.88 for the year 1869; the item of $10,208.54 for the year 1870; and the item of $75,000 for the year 1871, have had the same under consideration, and upon the Order of Reference, and matters connected therewith, including the refund of $25,579.04, to the Receiver General on the 12th November, 1875, and the withdrawal of $6,600 from the same fund, upon the same day, presented the Third Report of the said Committee.

(*For the Report and the Proceedings of the Committee, see Appendix to the Journals, No.* 2.)

The House then adjourned at 2.25 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mills*—On Saturday next—BILL intituled "An Act to amend the Indian Act of 1876."

Mr. *Desjardins*—On Saturday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to transfer any portion of Logan's Farm at Montreal for the benefit of the educational institutions there;—and if so, to what corporation,—what portion, and what extent of the said Farm,—and on what conditions?

Mr. *Cameron*—On Saturday next—That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate requesting that Honorable Body to transmit, for the information of this House, a copy of the Report made by a Select Committee of that Honorable House during the Session of 1875, on the subject of the construction of books, piers and other works on the Gatineau.

No. 45.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1877

4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 40 Victoria, 1877.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Quebec Board of Trade; praying for certain Amendments to the Bill now before Parliament to amend the Act respecting the Culling and Measuring of Timber.

Of *John F. Flindall* and others; praying that the duty on Malt may be abolished.

Of *James Cousins* and others, of Camden; of *R. McDonald* and others; of *Robert MacKnight* and others, of Erinsville; of *John Lee* and others; of *John Wilson* and others, of Centreville; of *William Grieve* and others; of *William Craig* and others; of *Duncan Wemp* and others, of Bath; of *Joseph Sproul* and others; of *Byron Lee* and others; of *R. F. Hope* and others, of Newburgh; of *Adam Kennedy* and others; of *A. C. Scott* and others, of Yarker; of *Stephen Conroy* and others; of *C. Paisley* and others; of *Joseph Lockridge* and others; of *Joseph Brown* and others, of Colebrook; of *Thomas Kidd* and others; of *Owen Card* and others, of Enterprise; of *F. Booth* and others; of *John B. Watkins* and others, of Odessa; and of *J. W. Marsden* and others, of Napanee; severally praying that the Temperance Act of 1864, known as the Dunkin Act, may be so amended as to enable the Ratepayers to vote by ballot.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, it was *Ordered*, That in consequence of his being incapacitated by severe illness to attend his duties in this House, leave of absence be granted to *Firmin Dugas*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of *Montcalm*, and that his Sessional Indemnity be computed and paid, as for the whole Session.

Mr. *Burpee* (Saint John) presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 7th ultimo; for copies of papers and correspondence in connection with the defalcations of the ex-Collector of Customs, *William Kidston*, at the Port of Baddeck, and a Return shewing if the amount has been refunded to the Department; and if not, the reason for its not being refunded.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 26th ultimo; for a Return of all correspondence, telegrams, and orders in connection with the dismissal of *William Colwell*, Locker in the Custom House Department, St. John, New Brunswick; also, all papers, telegrams and correspondence, in connection with the investigation carried on by Inspector *Cudlip* together with his report thereon,—date of dismissal,—copy of medical report as to his health after examination,—a statement of all other official appointments which were offered him,—copy of letter addressed by Commissioner *Johnson*, at Ottawa, to the Department of the Minister of Justice, recommending him for an appointment,—together with a statement of the fund from which the sum of one hundred dollars was paid him,—of the grounds for such payment and the account to which such payment was charged in the Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Seventh and Eighth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, *were concurred in.*

The two following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz :—*

By Mr. *Cartwright:*—Bill No 114 for defining and rendering uniform the powers of certain Loan Companies, in the matters therein mentioned.

By Mr. *Blake:*—Bill No 115 respecting the *Great Seals* of the *Provinces* of *Canada* other than *Ontario* and *Quebec.*

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return to Address of the 28th ultimo; for copies of any correspondence that may have passed during the past three years between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of this Dominion relative to the abolition of Light dues upon Canadian shipping.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for copies of all papers relating to the abolition of fisheries in the Rapids of the Richelieu, in front of the Village of the Canton of Chambly; of the Report of the fishery overseer, and of all correspondence of the Government with the proprietors of the said fisheries, and with any other person in relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, it was *Resolved*, That for the remainder of the Session, Government business shall have precedence on *Wednesdays.*

Mr. *Laurier*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Administration of Justice in the District of *Richelieu*; in the Province of *Quebec*, and to whom were referred the Petition of *F. X. A. Biron*, and others, of the said District of *Richelieu*; complaining of the conduct of the Hon. *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger*, Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of *Quebec*, and the Petition of the Hon. Mr. Justice *Loranger*, presented the following Report:

The Committee beg leave to report,—That during the whole course of the enquiry, which they have made under the Order of The House, the Petitioners have been represented by Counsel, and Mr. Justice *Loranger*, both by himself and by Counsel.

The charges alleged against Mr. Justice *Loranger*, in the Petition presented to The House, and referred to the Committee, were ten in number, to wit:

1st. Neglect and refusal by Mr. Justice *Loranger* to hold the different Courts assigned to him for the whole terms fixed by Law.

2nd. Extortion by the said Judge of considerable sums of money, over and above the sums legitimately due to him, for Circuit allowances.

3rd. Refusal to hold additional Circuit and *Enquête* terms, when the judicial business before him would have so required.

4th. Residing outside the limits of, and at a distance from the District of *Richelieu.*

5th. Immoderate use of Spirituous liquors, so as to prevent a proper discharge of his duties.

6th & 7th. Altering public records and changing judgments after they had been rendered.

8th. Ordering an expensive *expertise* in a certain case, with a view to obtain information which was useless in the case, but which he wanted for his own private advantage and benefit.

9th. Partialty and favoritism towards certain members of the bar.

10th. Arbitrary and unjust conduct towards generally all persons in the District of *Richelieu* having important judicial business.

The Committee, after having first heard the Petitioners and the Judge, were of opinion that there was no ground for investigation, into the third, eighth, and tenth charges, and ordered evidence upon the other charges.

The Committee, after having heard the evidence adduced on behalf of the Petitioners, came to the conclusion, that the Judge ought to be acquitted of the following charges, which they find utterly unfounded, to wit:—The first, refusal to hold the regular terms of Court; the fourth, residing outside the District; the fifth, intemperance; and the ninth, partiality.

On the remaining charges, to wit.:—the second, *extortion;* the sixth and seventh, *altering records* and *Judgments,*—the Committee find as follows:—

Upon the charge of extortion, the evidence is to the following effect:

1st. The Judge generally charged for three days' absence from his residence, when holding terms of the Superior and Circuit Courts at other places, even when absent only one day.

Such charges were in accordance with an Order in Council of date the 29th October, 1868, under authority of the Act 31 *Victoria*, chapter 33, whereby it was provided that Judges of the Superior Court, in the Province of *Quebec*, should be entitled to a *Minimum* of three days for attending any Court elsewhere, than at their actual place of residence.

By a subsequent Statute, the Act 32 and 33 *Victoria*, chapter 8, a new provision was made, which enacted that the Judges of the Superior Court were entitled to a *Minimum* of three days only, when sitting in the Court of Queen's Bench. The allowance in all other cases to be governed by the actual number of days' absence. That provision of the Statute, though it appears to preclude any charges for more than the actual days of absence, has not been so interpreted by a large number of the Judges, who have held, as did Mr. Justice *Loranger*, that they are entitled to a *Minimum* of three days in all cases, and considering this circumstance, the Committee find that the Judge in so charging, acted in accordance with a common practice.

2. It also appears from the accounts of the Judge, that in some instances when requested to attend out of his District, at the Court of Appeals in *Quebec* and *Montreal* for a whole term, the Judge during the same time held Circuits in his own District. The Statute allows $100 for attendance during the whole term in Appeal, and only $6 a day, when the attendance is not for the whole term.

In these cases, the Judge having been requested to attend the whole term of the Appeal Court charge the full $100 each time; and we find that in one or two instances he also charged for attendance on Circuits held during the same time. No particulars having been produced, and no evidence having been brought to the contrary the Committee accept the explanation given by the Judge, which is, that there being no actual need of his presence in Appeals at the time, he was allowed by the Chief Justice to attend his Circuits, in the interest of the administration of Justice, and returned immediately to continue to sit when requested. The charges for Circuits would then appear as travelling expenses.

Upon the charge of *altering records* and *Judgments*, the evidence is to the following effect:—

In a certain case of *Pope vs. Truesdel, et al*, the Judge on a certain day rendered a Judgment in open Court, whereby he dismissed a motion of the Plaintiff, on the alleged ground that there had been no notice given to the Defendants'. On a subsequent day, but before the Judgment had been entered in the Registers of the Court, the Plaintiff's Attorney went to the Judge in his Chambers and called his attention to the fact that there had been a notice given to the Defendants. Thereupon the Judge altered the Judgment which he had rendered, so as to make it appear that the motion had been granted, instead of having been rejected, and the Judgment was so entered in the Registers. The Defendants' Attorney was not present when this alteration was made, nor had he been previously notified. It is manifest, however, that the Defendants' suffered no injustice, as it does not appear that they ever complained of the alteration.

In two other cases of *Mathieu vs. Brousseau*, upon Promissory Notes, the Plaintiff had served upon the Defendant an inscription for proof and final hearing, and the cases had been fixed for the adduction of the Defendant's evidence. The Defendant was a member of the legal profession. He had appeared personally in one of the cases and by Counsel in the other, but he conducted both cases himself. The service of the inscription was in his opinion defective and irregular, and he decided to make default. He was however, present in Court, when the cases were called, and to the enquiry of the Judge if he had anything to say, he answered that he had nothing to say, whereupon the Judge made the following entry in the Court Roll "P. O. C. A. V." which meant; "Parties heard, the Court will advise." On the following day judgment was entered for Plaintiff. Subsequently the Defendant inscribed the two cases for review, before the Superior Court sitting in review at *Montreal*. When the clerk was preparing a transcript of the proceedings in the two cases, to be transmitted to the Court of Review he took the Roll to the Judge and enquired if there had been a *cloture d'enquête* by the Defendant. The Judge replied that the Defendant than closed his *enquête*, and he thereupon erased the entry "P. O. C. A. V," in the Roll, and substituted the following; "*L'defendur déclare son enquête close* P. O. C. A. V." ("The Defendant declares that he closes his *enquête*. Parties heard the Court will advise.)" The Defendant in testing the case before the Court of Review relied solely on the ground that the service made upon him of the inscription, was defective and irregular. The inscription for Review in one case, was rejected for reasons which were not german to the enquiry. In the other case a motion by the Defendant to have the record sent back to the Court below, in order that the entry made in the Roll, might be re-established, as it had been made in the first place, was rejected, and the Judgment was affirmed.

It does not appear to the Committee, that the alteration of the entry made on the Roll, materially affected the Defendant's rights, as all the Judges examined before the Committee, expressed the opinion that the refusal by the Defendant to proceed when he was called upon by the Judge so to do, or to shew that he had good reason not to proceed, implied on his part a closing of his case, and a waiver of all the irregularities which he might then have taken advantage of.

It does not appear either that the Defendant had a good defence, or that he had any proof to offer.

It has also been established before the Committee that it has been a practice followed by several of the Judges of the Province of *Quebec*, to rectify the entries and alter their judgments before they are finally entered in the Register of the Court, in order to correct errors.

The Committee find that the charge against the Judge, that he made the alterations complained of in bad faith, has not been proven. At the same time the Committee would remark that though no actual wrong appears to have resulted from the course followed by Mr. Justice *Loranger* in the above cases, yet the absolute publicity of all proceedings is an indispensable requisite to a proper and efficient Administration of Justice, and that no deviation should take place from this rule, even with a view to correct errors, to put the record in accordance with the facts as they really occurred, and to do substantial Justice.

The Committee further report all the proceedings that have been taken on the Petition.

(*For the Evidence and Proceedings of the Committee accompanying this Report see Appendix to the Journals, No.* 3.)

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the two following Bills, *without amendments, viz:*—

No. 78. To amend the Law respecting appeals from convictions before, or Orders by Justices of the Peace.

No. 102. To make further provision for the payment of the Active Militia, when called out, in certain cases, in aid of the Civil power.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 90 respecting Tolls in the Harbor of *Montreal, with amendments.* (On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

The two following Bills were severally read a third time, and passed, *viz :*—

No. 95. For the repression of Betting and Pool-selling.

No. 103. To amend the Act respecting the Culling of Timber.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole, *yesterday*, to the Bill No. 41 to establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction, in the *Province* of *Ontario*, were taken into consideration, and concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Gibbs* (S. Ontario) moved in amendment, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the course adopted by the Minister of Finance, in placing the late Government Loan of £2,500,000, Sterling, on the London money market at a fixed rate of 91 *per cent.*, with allowances of accrued and accruing interest, thus reducing it to about 90 *per cent.*, was an inexpedient course in itself, and also resulted in great pecuniary loss to the Dominion.

And the question being put on the said proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following divi :

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Farrow,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Platt,
Benoit,	Flesher,	McDougall (*Three Rivers*),	Plumb,
Blanchet,	Fraser,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Bolduc,	Gaudet,	Macmillan,	Robinson,
Bowell,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McCallum,	Robitaille,
Brooks,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	McQuade,	Rochester,
Caron,	Gill,	Masson,	Rouleau,
Cimon,	Harwood,	Mitchell,	Roy,
Colby,	Hurteau,	Moffat,	Stephenson,
Costigan,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Monteith,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Cuthbert,	Kirkpatrick,	Montplaisir,	Tupper,
Daoust,	Langevin,	Mousseau,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Orton,	White (*Hastings*),
Dewdney,	Little,	Ouimet,	White (*Renfrew*),
Domville,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pinsonneault,	Wright (*Ottawa*),—60.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby;	Charlton,	Holton,	Power,
Archibald,	Cheval,	Horton,	Ray,
Aylmer,	Church,	Irving,	Richard,
Bain,	Cockburn,	Jetté,	Robillard,
Bannatyne,	Coffin,	Killam,	Ross (*Durham*),
Barthe,	Cook,	Kirk,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Béchard,	Coupal,	Laflamme,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bernier,	Cunningham,	Lajoie,	Ryan,
Bertram,	DeCosmos,	Landerkin,	Rymal,
Biggar,	Delorme,	Langlois,	Scatcherd,
Blackburn,	De St. Georges,	Laurier,	Schultz,
Blain,	DeVeber,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Shibley,
Blake,	Dymond,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Sinclair,
Borden,	Ferris,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Borron,	Fiset,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Bourassa,	Fleming,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Bowman,	Flynn,	McCraney,	Snider,
Boyer,	Forbes,	McIntyre,	St. Jean,
Brouse,	Fréchette,	McIsaac,	Taschereau,
Brown,	Galbraith,	McLeod,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Buell,	Geoffrion,	Metcalfe,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Burk,	Gibson,	Mills,	Trow,
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillies,	Oliver,	Vail,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gillmor,	Paterson,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Carmichael,	Greenway,	Perry,	Wood,
Cartwright,	Hagar,	Pettes,	Workman,
Casey,	Hall,	Pickard,	Young.—111.
Cauchon,	Higinbotham,	Pouliot,	

The House accordingly went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was proposed:—

XII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

RAILWAYS.

75	Intercolonial Railway, Completion	75,000 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight;

SATURDAY, 14th April, 1877.

Resolution 75 was then adopted.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

76	Intercolonial Railway Extension into Halifax	75,000 00
77	do To deep water at St. John, N. B	100,000 00

CANALS.

For Works of Construction, viz:—

80	Lachine Canal	1,000,000 00
81	Cornwall Canal	100,000 00
82	Welland do	2,000,000 00
83	St. Anne's Lock	40,000 00
84	Carillon and Chute à Blondeau	120,000 00
85	Improving approach to Culbute Canal	40,000 00
86	St. Peter's Canal	80,000 00
87	Miscellaneous work on Canals	10,000 00

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, OTTAWA.

88	Grounds	35,000 00
	Retaining walls, gates, footpaths, painting, &c	2,600 00
	Extension, West Block	135,500 00

XII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Ontario.

90	Guelph Custom House, Excise and Post Office	2,000 00
	Kingston, Military College	40,000 00
	Kingston, Repairing Fortifications	
	London Military Grounds, Fencing and Wood-sheds	3,500 00
	To pay for site for Ottawa Post Office, Custom House and Inland Revenue Office	7,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next meeting of The House, *this day*.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 16 respecting the *Beaver* and *Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with amendments*. (On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

The House then adjourned at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock, A.M., until 3 o'clock P.M., this day.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Shibley*—On Monday next—That in view of the heavy annual loss to the revenue accruing from the retention of the Rideau Canal as a Government work and of the necessity likely to arise at an early date for a large expenditure upon repairs, a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed to enquire into the expediency of the Government relinquishing the maintenance of the canal and disposing of the property and lands in connection therewith—such Committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. *Bunster*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to cause instructions to be given to the Engineer-in-Chief of the Canadian Pacific Railway Survey to have the surveying staff about to be sent to British Columbia during the present season retained in the Province until such time as all work on which they may be engaged shall have been completed, thus ensuring a considerable saving to the Public Revenue in the matter of travelling and other incidental expenses yearly incurred by engineering parties being sent to Ottawa to complete their maps and plans, when the same work could just as well be performed in the Province?

Mr. *Bunster*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the Supplementary Estimates about to be submitted, an appropriation proportionate to that made in favour of other Provinces, in favour of encouraging Immigration to the Province of British Columbia?

Mr. *Bunster*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a copy of any instructions given to Hon. *John Young*, in his capacity as Commissioner representing the Dominion of Canada at the Australian Exhibition.

Mr. *Schultz*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government by Act of Parliament or Order in Council to allow of Homestead Settlement in what is known as the Railway Reserve in the Province of Manitoba?

No. 46.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1877

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

PRAYERS were read.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the amendments made by the Senate to the following Bills, *viz*:—

No. 20. To amend the Act to incorporate the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited),—and

No. 29. To amend the Act incorporating "The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited),"—and have concluded to recommend that the *second* of the said amendments in the former case, page 1, line 25,—and the *sixth* and *seventh* amendments in the latter case, page 2, lines 29 and 30, *be not agreed to*, for the reason that the same are not in harmony with the provisions of the Bill, intituled: "An Act to amend the Law respecting the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent." The Committee recommend that the rest of the said amendments, to both of the said Bills be agreed to, *without amendment*.

Also,—reporting the Bill No. 100 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Canada Traffic Company," *with amendments*.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, it was *Resolved*, That the amendment made by the Senate to the second Clause of the Bill No. 20, to amend the Act to incorporate the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited), *be disagreed to*, for the reason that the said amendment is not in harmony with the provisions of the Bill, passed by this House during the present Session, entitled: "An Act to amend the Law respecting the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent;" and that the other amendments, made to the said Bill, be concurred in;—and a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, to acquaint them, with the foregoing Resolution.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, it was *Resolved*, That the amendments made by the Senate to the third Clause of the Bill No. 29 to amend the Act incorporating "The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited)," *be disagreed to*, for the reason that the said amendments are not in harmony with the provisions of the Bill passed by this House during the present Session, entitled : "An Act to amend the Law respecting the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent,"—and that the other amendments made to the said Bill be concurred in ;--and a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, to acquaint them, with the foregoing Resolution

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand), the Petition of *W. A. Thomson*, presented this day, was read and received; praying to be permitted to lay before The House his Petition for the passing of an Act, to amend the Act to incorporate the Manitoba Junction Railway Company, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills ;—and the said Petition was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Supplementary Return to Address of the 12th ultimo; for copies of all correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Dominion Government, and between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, relating to the Great Seal of the Province, that has been affixed to all documents requiring the same, since Confederation.

On motion of Mr. *Tupper*, the papers laid before The House, in reference to the correspondence relating to the *Great Seal* of the *Province* of *Nova Scotia*, were referred back to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

Mr. *Laurier*, Member for the Electoral District of *Arthabaska*, rose in his place and made the following statement:—

That it appears from the Public Accounts laid before this House in the Session of 1875, that some time in the year 1874, the sums of $4,717.18 was paid to the firm of *T. W. Currier & Co.*, out of the public monies, for lumber supplied to the *St. Vincent de Paul* Penitentiary; whereas it also appears that divers sums of money were also paid during the same year, out of public monies, to the firm of *Batson & Currier*, for lumber supplied to the Department of Public Works; and that he is credibly informed and believes that he can establish that the monies paid to the said firm of *T. W. Currier & Co.*, were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and public officers, to wit: the Board of Directors of Penitentiaries; that the monies paid to the said firm of *Batson & Currier* were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and the Department of Public Works, and that *Joseph Merrill Currier*, Esq., a Member of this House, was at the time when the said contracts and agreements were entered into, and the said payments made, a member of each of the said firms, and also a Member of this House, for the Electoral Division of the City of *Ottawa*.

On motion of Mr. *Laurier* it was *Resolved*, That it appears from the Public Accounts laid before this House in the Session of 1875, that some time in the year 1874, the sum of $4,717.18 was paid to the firm of *T. W. Currier & Co.*, out of the public monies, for lumber supplied to the *St. Vincent de Paul* Penitentiary ; it also appears that divers sums of money were also paid during the same year, out of public monies, to the firm of *Batson* and *Currier*, for lumber supplied to the Department of Public Works, and that Mr. *Laurier*, a Member of this House has stated in his place in The House that he is credibly informed and believes that he can establish that the monies paid to the said firm of *T. W. Currier & Co.*, were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and public officers, to wit: the Board of Directors of Penitentiaries ; that the monies paid to the said firm of *Batson* and *Currier*, were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and the Department of Public Works, and that *Joseph Merrill Currier*, Esq., a Member of this House, was at the time when the said contracts and agreements were entered into and the said payments made, a member of each of the said firms, and also a Member of this House for the Electoral Division of the City of *Ottawa*; it be *Ordered*, That the matter herein stated, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and they be directed to enquire into the facts, to search for precedents; and to report the result of their enquiries; and whether the said *Joseph Merrill Currier* has vacated his seat.

Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Electoral District of the County of Lincoln, in the place of *James Norris*, who, since his Election for the said Electoral District, has entered into a contract for the public service.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment, that all the words after "that" in the said motion be expunged, and the following words substituted therefor :—"the attention of The House having been directed to a "statement, that *James Norris*, Member for the Electoral District of *Lincoln*, has entered into a contract "for the public service, the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be directed to enquire "into the said allegation, report the result of such enquiries, and whether the said *James Norris* has vacated "his seat ;" which was agreed to on a division.

Mr. *Young*, moved, that the Third Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be now concurred in ;— which was agreed to, on the following division :—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby,
Archibald,
Aylmer,
Bain,
Bannatyne,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Bertram,
Blackburn,
Blain,
Blake,
Bolduc,
Borden,
Borron,
Bourassa,
Bowman,
Boyer,
Burk,
Burpee (*St. John*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Cauchon,
Charlton,
Cheval,
Church,
Cockburn,
Coffin,
Cook,
Coupal,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
DeVeber,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Gibson,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Irving,
Jones (*Halifax*),
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McLeod,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Oliver,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pettes,
Pickard,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Middlesex*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Rymal,
Scatcherd,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Snider,
Taschereau,
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wood,
Workman,
Young.—82.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Baby,
Barthe,
Benoit,
Bowell,
Brooks,
Bunster,
Cameron,
Campbell,
Cimon,
Colby,
Costigan,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
Desjardins,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Farrow,
Ferguson,
Flesher,
Fraser,
Gaudet,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Haggart,
Harwood,
Hurteau,
Kirkpatrick,
Langevin,
Lanthier,
Little,
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
McDougall (*Three Rivers*),
Macmillan,
McCallum,
McQuade,
Masson,
Mitchell,
Moffat,
Monteith,
Montplaisir,
Mousseau,
Orton,
Ouimet,
Platt,
Plumb,
Pope (*Compton*),
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Rochester,
Rouleau,
Roy,
Short,
Stephenson,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Tupper,
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Hastings*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wright (*Ottawa*).—60.

On motion of Mr. *Irving*, it was *Resolved*, That it is desirable, that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into, and report upon the facts in the Reports, Returns, and Vouchers laid upon the Table, touching the payment of public monies to the Hon. *T. W. Anglin*, Member for the Electoral District of *Gloucester*, for printing and stationery for the Post Office Department, *should be examined on oath.*

Resolved, That it is desirable, that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into, and report upon the allegation, that *James Norris*, Member for the Electoral District of Lincoln, has entered into a contract for the public service; and whether the said *James Norris* has vacated his seat, *should be examined on oath.*

Resolved, That it is desirable, that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into, and report upon the allegations of Mr. *Laurier*, a Member of this House, in his place, this day made, that *Joseph Merrill Currier*, a Member of this House, for the Electoral Division of the City of *Ottawa*, was at the time of a certain contract, entered into between the firm of *T. W. Currier & Co.*, and the Board of Directors of Penitentiaries,—and at the time of a certain other contract entered into, between the firm of *Batson & Currier*, and the Department of Public Works, and in respect of which contracts, public monies were paid to the said firms for Lumber supplied, he the said *Joseph Merrill Currier*, at the time of the making of the said contracts and the said payments was a Member of each of the said firms, and of this House ; and to report whether the said *Joseph Merrill Currier* had vacated his seat, *should be examined on oath.*

The Bill No. 113 to provide for the payment of travelling allowances to certain Judges in *British Columbia*, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGABLE RIVERS.

89	Improvement of Navigable Rivers	$ 10,000 00
	St. Lawrence, removal of Chains and Anchors	15,000 00
	Neebish Rapids, River St. Mary, Lake Huron	8,000 00
	Cowichan River, B. C., removal of Obstructions	1,500 00

Quebec.

91	Repairing Fortifications, Quebec	20,000 00
	Examining Warehouse, Montreal	17,000 00
	Quarantine Station, Grosse Isle	3,000 00

North-West Territories.

92	Lieutenant-Governor's residence, Registry Office, and three dwelling houses for Officials..	21,000 00
	Mounted Police Buildings and River Crossings	9,000 00

British Columbia.

93	Public Buildings, repairs	1,000 00
	Custom House Store House Wharf, Victoria	5,000 00
94	PUBLIC BUILDINGS GENERALLY	20,000 00

PENITENTIARIES.

95	General Penitentiary for the Maritimes Provinces	117,000 00
	St. Vincent de Paul	16,000 00
	British Columbia Penitentiary	7,000 00

RENTS, REPAIRS, &c.

96	Rents, Repairs, Furniture and Heating, &c	170,000 00
	Heating Public Buildings	40,000 00
	Removal of Snow, Public Buildings, Ottawa	1,800 00
	Gas, Public Buildings, Ottawa	16,000 00
	Allowance for Fuel and Light, Rideau Hall	5,000 00

HARBOURS AND BREAKWATERS.

Ontario.

97	Kincardine Harbour, Lake Huron	12,000 00
	Trenton, including Nigger Island, Bay of Quinté, Lake Ontario	4,000 00
	Newcastle Harbour, Lake Ontario	5,000 00
	Morpeth, Lake Erie, (locality to pay a similar amount)	7,500 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, *on Monday next.*

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, Rule 60 of this House was suspended, in relation to the Bill No. 62 respecting the *Northern Railway* of *Canada.*

The House then adjourned at 15 minutes to 12 o'clock, P.M., *until Monday next.*

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Monday next—That the Hon. *Richard John Cartwright* have leave of absence to enable him to attend the Assizes now being holden in the Town of Cobourg, for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, Ontario, in obedience to the subpœna served upon him to give evidence in the trial of the case of the Queen, on the prosecution of the Hon. *John Simpson* against *James A. Wilkinson*.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Returns of all monies paid to *Carpenter & Co.*, together with Orders in Council recommending such payment on account of the Dawson Route Subsidy, up to 31st March, 1877.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of the Departmental Pay Lists for the months of October, 1873, and March, 1877.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Monday next—That an Order of The House do issue that the Clerk do lay on the Table a statement showing the ages, names, present salaries and length of service of each officer and permanent Clerk in his Department.

Also, the ages, names and salaries or daily pay, with date when pay commenced of the Sessional or Extra Clerks at present employed in the service of the House of Commons.

Also, a statement by the Sergeant at Arms shewing the ages, names, salaries or daily pay and length of service of Officers, Messengers and others in his Department, whether employed permanently or otherwise.

Mr. *Laflamme*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures, 36 *Victoria*, chap. 47, by repealing sections 5, 26, 27, 30, 34 and 41, and re-enacting them with certain amendments providing:—

That the Imperial or Standard British shall always be held to be the measure agreed upon as regards sales of goods by dry measure unless it is otherwise stipulated.

That the hundred weight shall always be understood to mean one hundred pounds, and the ton two thousand pounds, as regard sales by weight, tolls, or duties, unless it is otherwise stipulated, and that public weighers shall always use the same.

That the same rule shall be observed as to contracts for the sale of grain and other articles mentioned in section 5 of the said Act, as before the 1st of January, 1874, and in such contracts a bushel shall be understood to mean the weight of a bushel of the article in question as fixed in the said section and not a bushel in measure, unless it is otherwise stipulated.

That on any verification of weights and measures under section 26, after the first, the party having them in possession shall only pay full fees in case of their being found incorrect, and that otherwise he shall only pay one-fourth of the full fees and charges.

That the parties mentioned in section 27 being manufacturers of or wholesale dealers in weights, measures or weighing machines, shall not be liable to the penalty therein mentioned for merely offering for sale any uninspected weight, measure or weighing machine, and shall be liable to such penalty only if they sell the same without having them inspected and stamped; but that other traders using or having in possession such uninspected weights, measures or weighing machines shall be liable to the forfeiture thereof and to the penalty.

That any person, not being a manufacturer or wholesale dealer therein who refuses to produce and permit inspection of any weights, measures and weighing machines in his possession, or being such manufacturer or wholesale dealer refuses to permit the inspection of such articles in his possession when required, shall incur the penalties mentioned in Section 30.

That penalties and forfeitures incurred under the said Act may be recoverable before any competent tribunal, as well as in the manner provided by section 34, by suit brought by the proper officer; and that persons aggrieved by the use of false weights, measures or weighing machines may recover treble costs.

That section 41 be so amended as to allow officers under the Act to adjust weights, measures and weighing machines, on receiving compensation therefor.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The Petition of Messrs. *Riley* and *May*, of the City of *Toronto*, was read and received; praying that the duty on Slate slabs, for *Billiard Tables*, may be abolished.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Petition of *W. A. Thomson*, praying for leave to present a Petition, for the passing of an Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Manitoba Junction Railway Company*; and satisfactory reasons having been given for the delay, they recommend that the Petition be received, notwithstanding the expiration of the time.

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand), the Petition of Messrs. *Donald A. Smith* and *William A. Thomson*, presented this day, was read and received; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the *Manitoba Junction Railway Company*.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Address to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to invite such Legislation in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, as will cause the operation of "The Extradition Act of 1870," of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to cease in *Canada*, and that in the meantime Her Majesty will be graciously pleased by Order in Council to suspend the operation within *Canada* of the said Act, so far as it relates to any *Foreign State*, with which there may be an Extradition arrangement; by filling up the blank with the words "Senate and"

Also,—that they have passed an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, respectfully to request that he will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased to invite such Legislation in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, as will cause the operation of "The Extradition Act of 1870," of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to cease in *Canada*, and that in the meanwhile Her Majesty will be graciously pleased, by Order in Council, to suspend the operation within *Canada*, so far as it relates to any *Foreign State*, with which there may be an Extradition arrangement; and to request that the Commons will unite with them in the said Address.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, a Message was sent to the Senate, informing their Honors that this House hath concurred in their Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to invite such legislation in the Parliament of the United Kingdom as will cause the operation of "The Extradition Act of 1870," of the Parliament of the United Kingdom to cease in *Canada*, and that in the meantime Her Majesty will be graciously pleased by Order in Council to suspend the operation within *Canada* of the said Act, so far as it relates to any Foreign State with which there may be an Extradition arrangement; in such a way, as to His Excellency may see fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne; by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the amendments made by this House to their Bill No. 99 intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Engine & Machinery Company," *without amendment.*

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz :—*

No. 79. To make provision against the improper use of Firearms.

No. 44. To amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of *Rivière du Loup,* in the County of *Maskinongé.* (On motion of Mr. *Holton,* the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in).

Also,—that they have made a consequential amendment to the *English version* of the amendments made by this House to their Bill No. 97 intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited)." (On motion of Mr. *Blain,* the consequential amendment to the *English version,* was taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

On motion of Mr. *Blake,* the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill No. 79 to make provision against the improper use of *Firearms,* was taken into consideration; and amended by the insertion of the word "or" after the word "sailor"; and a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, to acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their amendment to the foregoing Bill, with an amendment, to which their concurrence was desired.

Mr. *Laflamme,* from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 62 respecting the Northern Railway of Canada, *with amendments.*

Joseph Merrill Currier, Esq., Member for the Electoral Division for the City of *Ottawa,* rose in his place in The House, and read a letter, which he had addressed to Mr. Speaker; as also a written resignation of his seat in this House under his hand and seal, and which are as follows :—.

OTTAWA, 16th April, 1877

The Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to state to you that on the 12th instant I received notice from Mr. *Laurier,* a Member of the House, that he intended to make a statement on the floor of the House to the effect that firms of which I was a member had entered into contracts or agreements with the Government or Officers thereof for supplying lumber, which statement the Honorable Member made in the House on the 14th instant, and thereupon the said matter was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Until the receipt of that communication I was not aware that the business transactions therein referred to had taken place, and I never personally took any part whatever in reference to them or any of them.

I have, however, now ascertained on enquiry into the circumstances that the firm of *T. W. Currier* & Co. (of which I was at that time a partner, though not an active one) on 21st May 1874, received an Order from the Director of Penitentiaries for goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary amounting to $4,717.10, which were supplied in June, 1874, and paid for in July, 1874. I also find that the firm of *Batson & Currier,* of which I am a member, fulfilled several small orders for lumber for the Library of Parliament between January 1874 and 1875 amounting in all to $357, but in each case without my personal cognizance.

Being advised that I may have by these transactions unwittingly vacated my seat in The House of Commons under the provisions of the Independence of Parliament Act, I feel it my duty to notify you of the facts for the information of The House, and to place my resignation in your hands.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed), J. M. CURRIER.

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

I, *Joseph Merrill Currier,* of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, Lumber Merchant, who was duly elected a Member of the said the House of Commons for the Electoral Division of the City of Ottawa, do hereby declare my intention to resign my seat in the said House of Commons, and do hereby resign the same.

As witness my hand and seal this 16th day of April, 1877.

(Signed), J. M. CURRIER. [L.S.]

Witnesses.
(Signed), HECTOR CAMERON,
(Signed), ALONZO WRIGHT.

Mr. *Currie* further made an oral statement that he now resigned his seat, and then he withdrew.

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,---and Addresses voted to His Excellency the Governor General, *viz* :----

By Mr. *McCarthy*:—Order of The House, for all Orders and instructions made or issued from the Departments of Justice and of Emigration directing or referring to the route of travel to be followed by the Mounted Police and the Emigrants for Manitoba and the North-West during the years 1874-75 and '76; and for a statement shewing the amount paid for the fares of the Engineer Staff and other employees on the Pacific Railway Survey, for the Mounted Police, for Emigrants and any other persons whose fares were paid by the Government per Lake Superior Line and the Beatty Line respectively, during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876; also for freightage for the carriage of goods and supplies by said lines respectively during the same period, and statement shewing separately the amount for any of the above persons who, although carried in or in the neighbourhood of Collingwood, were sent over the Beatty Line *via* Sarnia.

By Mr. *Barthe*:—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all the Reports which the Royal Canadian Insurance Company may have made with copies of any order requiring the said Company to make such Reports; the whole in conformity with 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 99, Section 16,—and 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48. Also copies of all Reports respecting the business carried on by the said Royal Canadian Insurance Company in the United States of America; the whole in conformity with 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48, of the Acts of Parliament of Canada, and the forms B. and C. of the said Acts.

By Mr. *De St. Georges*:—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for copy of an Order in Council of 5th March, 1877, approving of a By-law of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners in reference to the Tariff of Pilotage between Quebec and Montreal.

By Mr. *Cheval*:—Order of The House for a statement shewing the amounts paid by the Steamer "Chambly," and the Steamer "Cultivateur," at the St. Ours Lock on the River Chambly, during the season of 1875.

By Mr. *McCarthy*:—Order of The House for a Statement of the number of miles surveyed and the expenditure for such surveys on the Pacific Railway, as follows :----

1. The total number of miles surveyed, distinguishing between exploratory or track surveys—preliminary surveys,—and location surveys.

2 How many miles of preliminary surveys, exploratory or track surveys and location surveys have been made on each of the following sections :—

1st. From the Valley of the Ottawa to where the main line or lines run strike that portion of the main line from Thunder Bay to Red River.

2nd. From Prince Arthur's Landing to Red River.

3rd. From Red River to Tête Jaune Cache.

4th. From Tête Jaune Cache to the Pacific Coast.

5th. All Surveys made on Vancouver's Island.

3. The cost of each of the above descriptions of surveys between each of the above points.

Mr. *McCallum* moved, that there be laid before this House a copy of the report, memorandum, or minute made by accountant who assisted at the investigation by the Royal Commissioners into the affairs of the Northern Railway Company of Canada, be laid before this House.

And a Debate arising thereon,—Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that the Debate be adjourned; which was negatived on a division.

And the question being put on the original motion; it was negatived on a division.

By Mr. *Bertram*:—Order of The House for a return of all monthly measurements and estimates for the various kinds of work done on Section No. 16 Intercolonial Railway while under contract to Messrs. *King & Gough* and subsequently under contract to *J. C. Gough*, showing the actual quantities and kinds of all work executed and returned, the amounts made out for same at the schedule rates for each month by the Divisional Engineer in charge, and the amount for each month respectively certified by the Chief Engineer of the Railway or paid or certified by the Commissioners of the Railway and paid to the contractors or contractor or their agents.

For the amounts of all sums of money paid by, or through the Government, or its agents on behalf of or in liquidation of debts due by the firm of *King & Gough* or *J. C. Gough* on account of contract on Section No. 16, to whom paid, on whose authority the sums were paid, and the nature and extent of the service or work done therefor after the contract had been taken by the Government from *J. C. Gough*.

For the quantities of work done by the Government or its agents after the contract had been taken from *J. C. Gough*, showing the monthly estimates for the various kinds of work actually done, and the amounts of money paid for such work and to whom paid.

For the number of structures now built in first and second class masonry, paving, &c., in each and the extent of the opening or waterway of each structure now on the section, the quantity of Rip-rap done, of concrete used, the quantity or length of fencing, the cattle guards built, with the items of cost for each.

Mr. *Brouse* moved,—That it be resolved that for the better observance of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, and in the interests of morality—vessels propelled by steam and carrying passengers, may be detained from proceeding on their voyage through the Canals from the hour of 6 A.M., until the hour of 9 o'clock, P.M. on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Irving*, The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution to make provision for the observance by Railway Companies of the Law requiring equality of treatment in the management of Traffic, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to consider the propriety of making provision for the more effectual securing the observance by Railway Companies of the Law requiring equality of treatment in the management of Traffic and imposition of rates and tolls; and more especially the due observance of the requirements of sub-section 2 of section 48—and of section 12 of the Railway Act of 1868; and to vest in the Exchequer Court of Canada, the power necessary for enforcing such observance.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Irving* then introduced a Bill No. 116 to make provision for the more effectual securing the observance by Railway Companies, of the law requiring equality of treatment in the management of traffic, and imposition of rates and tolls; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to morrow.*

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee have considered the Petition of *Donald A. Smith* and *William A. Thomson*, for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the "Manitoba Junction Railway Company," and find that no Notice was given; but as no private rights can be affected, they recommend the suspension of the Rule.

Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand), introduced a Bill No. 117 to amend the Act to incorporate "The Manitoba Junction Railway Company," which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow.*

The following Orders of The House were issued to the proper Officer,—and Addresses voted to His Excellency the Governor General, *viz :*—

By Mr. *Blanchet :*—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of the Petition of the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec; praying for the guarantee of the Government, for an additional sum of $250,000, in order to complete the improvements, in the above mentioned Harbor of Quebec.

Mr. *Blanchet* moved, that there be laid before this House a statement of the tenders sent in to the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec for the projected works in the River St. Charles;—the said statement to include the original tenders, the supplementary tenders, the names of the contractors and of their sureties, and the name of the person or company who obtained the contract, with the names of the sureties.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *Barthe :*—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all Petitions, Correspondence and Orders in Council relating to complaints made against the administration of the Harbour Board of Montreal in connection with the town of Sorel and the works for deepening Lake St. Peter; also copies of all documents transmitted to the Government respecting the bad administration of the aforesaid works, the arbitrary dismissal of *Pierre Côté* and *Pierre Charbonneau* and of any other employé; of all correspondence and documents relating to the dismissal of Captain *Charles Armstrong;* of all documents relating to the appointment of Messieurs *McCarthy* and *Mackenzie*, and of any other employee at Sorel in connection with the works of the Harbour—which documents, as well as those hereinafter mentioned, should be found in the office of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, and of which the Government is entitled to have communication, inasmuch as the latter provides each year a very large amount of public money for the carrying on of those works, also copies of any report made by Mr. *John McCarthy* or any other employee of the Montreal Harbour Board at Sorel, shewing why the pay of the day laborers and of many others employed by the month or by the year was reduced, while that of the said Mr. *John McCarthy* was increased from $600.00, which his predecessor Mr. *Pierre Côté* had, to $2,000.00; also copies of any contracts in relation to the leasing of the wharves, lands, shops, &c., of Messrs. *John* and *Daniel McCarthy* either with the Government or with the Harbour Board of Montreal; also of all instructions given by the Harbour Board of Montreal defining the duties of the aforesaid employees, Messrs. *McCarthy* and *Mackenzie* or of any other subordinate employee, in the carrying out of the said works; also, copies of all contracts awarded to any person whomsoever for the repair of dredge-boats, the erection of any building, the repairing or building of engines, machinery and boilers, the purchase of wood and of coal or any other contract generally; the names and residences of those who obtained such contracts and works generally, with or without tenders mentioning the amounts of each such contract; also the amounts paid since 1875, whether by contract or otherwise for provisions, bread, meat, groceries, &c.,—for the board and maintenance of the men employed on the said works and to whom such payments were made.

Mr. *Stephenson* moved, that there be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence with the Department of Marine and Fisheries or any other Department relative to the supplying of a life or other boat for the public service at and in the vicinity of the Lighthouses and Piers at the Harbor of Refuge at Rond Eau.

And a Debate arising thereon,---the same was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

By Mr. *Mitchell* :—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for all Reports to Council by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in relation to the Bass and Gasperaux Fisheries in the Rivers Napan and Black River, Miramichi and the shores in the vicinity of the same; also all Orders in Council made thereon since 1st January, 1874; also all Reports made by the overseers of Fisheries and by the Inspector of Fisheries in relation thereto; also all letters and correspondence had with the Department in relation to the said subject.

By Sir *John A. Macdonald* :---Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he may be pleased to lay before this House all Orders in Council relating to the creation of the office of Harbor Master at Port Colborne, and to the appointment of *Charles H. Carter* to such office, and all correspondence with the Superintendent of the Canal and other persons on the subject of such appointment, together with a copy of the Regulations for the management and protection of the Canals and Harbors.

By Mr. *Plumb* :---Order of House, for Return of all quantities of iron purchased by any of the Departments of the Government, for other than Railway purposes, the person from whom purchased, the prices paid, and whether the same was purchased by tender or otherwise and the purpose for which said iron is required.

By Mr. *Domville* :—Address to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Orders in Council appointing Staff Officers in the Militia since 1st January, 1875; and all reports by the Major General Commanding, and all letters and papers relating to the appointment and removal of Staff Officers in the Militia since 1st January, 1875.

By Mr. *Cimon* :—Order of The House—1st. For copies of all correspondence respecting the appointment of Mr. *Benjamin Lagacé* as Postmaster of Jonquières, in the County of Chicoutimi ;—2nd. Copies of the latest tenders for the conveyance of the Mails between Chicoutimi and Jonquières ; 3rd. Return showing to whom the contract for the said conveyance of the Mails was granted.

Mr. *Cameron* moved,—That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Senate requesting that Honorable Body to transmit, for the information of this House, a copy of the Report made by a Select Committee of that Honorable House during the Session of 1875, on the subject of the construction of booms, piers and other works on the Gatineau.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

Mr. *Bowell* moved,—That the Hon. *Richard John Cartwright* have leave of absence to enable him to attend the Assizes now being holden in the Town of Cobourg, for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, Ontario, in obedience to the subpœna served upon him to give evidence in the trial of the case of the Queen, on the prosecution of the Hon. *John Simpson* against *James A. Wilkinson*, which was negatived on a division.

By Mr. *Rochester* :—Address to His Excellency the Governor General for Returns of all monies paid to *Carpenter & Co.*, together with Orders in Council recommending such payment on account of the Dawson Route Subsidy, from 1st January, 1877, to the 31st March, 1877.

Also;—Order of The House, for copies of the Departmental Pay-Lists for the months of October, and November, 1873, and March, 1877.

By Mr. *Bowell* :—That an Order of The House do issue that the Clerk of the House do lay on the Table a statement showing the ages, names, present salaries and length of service of each officer and permanent Clerk in his Department.

Also, the ages, names and salaries or daily pay, with date when pay commenced of the Sessional or Extra Clerks at present employed in the service of the House of Commons.

Also, a statement by the Sergeant at Arms shewing the ages, names, salaries or daily pay and length of service of Officers, Messengers and others in his Department, whether employed permanently or otherwise.

The House then adjourned at 20 minutes to 12 o'clock, P.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Wednesday next—BILL to amend the Act 31st *Vic.*, cap. 5.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all correspondence, enquiry and report and other documents connected with the dismissal of *Gatien Lachaine*, Postmaster of Isle aux Grues, County of Montmagny.

Mr. *Blanchet*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all correspondence, Report of Enquiry and other documents respecting the dismissal of *Gilbert Boulet*, Fishery Overseer of St. Thomas de Montmagny.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE—for Return shewing what sales were made of Timber on Indian Lands on the North Shore of Lake Huron or on the Islands in the Georgian Bay or elsewhere, since the 1st day of January 1873; the names of the parties to whom such sales were made; the amount paid or agreed to be paid for such timber; the quantity of timber cut upon said lands; the amount paid on such purchases; by whom paid; the amount now due and by whom due; together with copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of Ontario, relating to said sale of timber upon said Indian Lands.

Mr. *Bunster*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a copy of the requisition signed by certain members of the House of Commons in the Fall of 1873, recommending that the Hon. *Edward Blake*, now Minister of Justice of the Dominion of Canada, be taken into the new administration then about being formed by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and for copies of all correspondence connected with the entrance of Mr. *Blake* into such administration.

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying him to be pleased to enforce the provisions of the 9th sub-section of section 6 of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 7, and obtain from the City and District Savings Bank of Montreal:

1st. A detailed statement of the different stocks held by the Bank as collateral security for advances made by it since 1870;

2nd. A detailed statement of the valuation of each of the said stocks at the period of each loan not yet paid back and of the amounts so advanced on each stock which the Bank now holds;

3rd. The statement by means of which the Directors were enabled to fix at $180,000 the surplus assets of the said Bank in 1871, and a statement shewing whether the surplus was limited to that amount;

4th. The amount of the sums paid by the shareholders on their calls since 1870 or 1871;

5th. A statement of the notes given by the shareholders by way of instalments since 1870, and the interest or accumulated profit received by them each year since 1870.

Mr. *Mousseau*—On Wednesday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for copies of all Contracts, with specifications attached, between the Government or the Department of Public Works and *James Goodwin*, in the matter of the works on the Grenville Canal; also for copies of all Orders in Council modifying such contracts,—the whole since 1870.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that a vacancy having occurred in the representation, by the resignation of *J. M. Currier*, Esq., Member for the Electoral Division of the City of *Ottawa*, he had, in conformity with the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12, issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ of Election, for the said Electoral Division.

Two Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The Petition of *W. Withall*, President of the Gulf Ports Steamship Company, and others, steamboat owners of the City of *Quebec;* praying that the Bill now before Parliament, to amend the Acts to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbor of *Quebec* and "The Pilotage Act of 1873," may not become law;—and of *John A. Wilkinson*, of the Town of *Bowmanville*, Province of *Ontario*, Publisher; praying that leave may be granted to the Honorable *Richard John Cartwright*, to attend and give evidence at the approaching trial on the 17th April instant, at *Cobourg, Ontario*, in the case of the criminal information fyled by the Honorable *John Simpson*, and against the said *John A. Wilkinson*, were read and received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to Address of the 12th ultimo; for copies of all contracts and Orders in Council during the year 1876, in connection with the enlargement of the St. Peter's Canal.

Also,—Return to Address of the 26th ultimo; for copies of all the instructions given to Mr. *Kingsford* of the Department of Public Works, and of all reports and correspondence in relation to repairs and other work done on the Breakwaters at L'Islet, Rivière Ouelle, Rivière du Loup and Rimouski, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, Province of Quebec; also a statement shewing the amounts expended for such work or repairs on each of the said Breakwaters.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for a Return of all Petitions, papers and correspondence had with the Government or any of the Departments, by or from the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, in the Province of New Brunswick, in relation to the necessity of a Breakwater, for the protection of Fishermen, at the Easterly side of Point Escuminac.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 15th February, last; for a Return shewing the quantity of iron rails removed from the Government Railways—Railway Companies to which they have been loaned —the date of such loans—the counties and districts through which said Railways run—the quantity loaned to each Railway Company—the terms upon which such loans have been made—the nature of the security given by each Railway Company to secure the return of said iron rails—the names of the directors of the Companies respectively to which iron rails have been loaned, together with all correspondence between the Government and any Company or individuals making application for such loans.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 5th ultimo; for a Return of the resident employés on the Intercolonial Railway within the County of Northumberland—the date of their appointment—when they were located or stationed in their present positions—the nationalities of the several individuals, and the number of them which were at the time of their appointment residents of the said County with the rate of wages which they respectively receive.

On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*, to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures, 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 47, by repealing sections 5, 26, 27, 30, 34 and 41, and re-enacting them with certain amendments providing:—

That the Imperial or Standard British shall always be held to be the measure agreed upon as regards sales of goods by dry measure unless it is otherwise stipulated.

That the hundred weight shall always be understood to mean one hundred pounds, and the ton two thousand pounds, as regard sales by weight, tolls, or duties, unless it is otherwise stipulated, and that public weighers shall always use the same.

That the same rule shall be observed as to contracts for the sale of grain and other articles mentioned in section 5 of the said Act, as before the 1st of January, 1874, and in such contracts a bushel shall be understood to mean the weight of a bushel of the article in question as fixed in the said section and not a bushel in measure, unless it is otherwise stipulated.

That on any verification of weights and measures under section 26, after the first, the party having them in possession shall only pay full fees in case of their being found incorrect, and that otherwise he shall only pay one-fourth of the full fees and charges.

That the parties mentioned in section 27 being manufacturers of, or wholesale dealers in weights, measures or weighing machines, shall not be liable to the penalty therein mentioned for merely offering for sale any uninspected weight, measure or weighing machine, and shall be liable to such penalty only, if they sell the same without having them inspected and stamped; but that other traders using or having in possession such uninspected weights, measures or weighing machines shall be liable to the forfeiture thereof and to the penalty.

That any person, not being a manufacturer or wholesale dealer therein, who refuses to produce and permit inspection of any weights, measures and weighing machines in his possession, or being such manufacturer or wholesale dealer refuses to permit the inspection of such articles in his possession when required, shall incur the penalties mentioned in section 30.

That penalties and forfeitures incurred under the said Act may be recoverable before any competent tribunal, as well as in the manner provided by section 34, by suit brought by the proper officer; and that persons aggrieved by the use of false weights, measures or weighing machines may recover treble costs.

That section 41 be so amended as to allow officers under the Act to adjust weights, measures and weighing machines, on receiving compensation therefor.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Farrow* moved in amendment, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That by a Return to an Address from The House, of the 21st February, 1877, dated the 8th March, 1877; for copies of all Orders in Council having reference to the *Goderich Harbor Works*, in 1874, together with a copy of the notice or advertisement, calling for tenders, for such work, the tenders received in response, and Reports in relation thereto, with the contract entered into for the performance of such work, it appears:—

That in all 16 tenders were sent in, for the performance of said work, averaging from $182,630—to $301,185. The four lowest tenders, being as follows:—

John S. Tolton, Walkerton	$182,630
George Neilson, Belleville	200,375
W. H. Ellis, Toronto	212,155
Moore, Clendenning & Wilson, Walkerton	212,540

That on the 23rd February, 1874, an Order in Council was passed, setting forth the fact that 16 tenders had been sent in, and containing as follows:—"That *W. H. Ellis*, whose tender is third lowest, "and when extended is found to amount to $212,155, appears to be in a position to execute the work "satisfactorily, and that his sureties appear to be good and solvent, and recommending, that the tender of "Mr. *Ellis* be accepted, and that for the due fulfillment of his contract, satisfactory security be required on "real estate, or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or Bank Stock, to the amount of "5 *per cent.* on the bulk sum of his contract."

That four days later, on the 27th February, without any information in relation to the said *Ellis* having, as appears by the Return, been furnished to the Department, a telegram to the following effect, was sent by Mr. *Braun*, Secretary of the Department of Public Works, to Messrs. *Moore, Clendenning & Wilson*:—

"Your tender for *Goderich Harbor Works* is among the lowest, are you prepared to deposit 5 *per cent.* of "contract amount, and are both your sureties, men of large means and property," to which telegram *Moore & Co.*, on the 28th day of February replied as follows:—

"Prepared to make deposit, and go on with *Goderich Harbor Works*, can give satisfaction as to standing "of sureties."

That on the 7th March, an Order in Council was passed, on a *Memorandum* of the Minister of Public Works, of the 5th March, stating:—"That Mr. *Ellis* has left the Country, and recommending that the next "lowest tender, that of Messrs *David Moore & Co.*, whose tender when extended, amounts to the sum of "$212,540, be accepted."

That on the 20th March, 1874, a letter was addressed to *J. Y. Elwood*, Esq., of Goderich, instructing him to examine titles, and state value of property, offered by Messrs. *David Moore & Co.* as security, and to say what it would bring at Sheriff's sale.

That on the 28th March, the said *Elwood* reported to the Department of Public Works, that the property offered was worth from $5,000 to $5,500, less a Mortgage upon it of $1,400.

That by a Schedule submitted by other valuators appointed by the Government on the 11th June, 1874. it appears, that properties valued at $11,800, less $3,400 encumbrances, were accepted as security, the security having been fixed by the Department at $7,500, being $3,127 less than 5 *per cent.* on the bulk sum of the contract.

That on the 16th day of February, 1877, after notice had been given of the intention to move for the papers, a letter was addressed by Mr. *Page* to Mr. *Mackenzie*, Minister of Public Works, in answer to enquiry from him, explaining the reason why the tender of *John S. Tolton* had not been accepted, the reason being, that the tender of *John S. Tolton* was at that time looked upon as so low, that some trouble was taken to ascertain, whether he was a person acquainted with such work; but no information could be obtained about him, and that it would be injudicious to entrust the execution of such work to him, as it probably would result, not only in a loss to the Government, but also prove ruinous to the man himself. But there does not appear to have been any correspondence in relation to the said *John S. Tolton*, or any reference to him, or to the reason for ignoring his tender at the time the contract was let.

That on the 22nd February, 1877, the Hon. *E. Blake* addressed a note to the Hon. *A. Mackenzie*, requesting that a letter written by him on the 2nd January, 1874, might be included among the papers which letter was in the following terms :—

"Toronto, January 2nd, 1874.

"My Dear *Mackenzie*,—

"*David Moore*, of Walkerton, asks me to inform you, that he is about to tender for the *Goderich Works*, "and I do so accordingly. I told my friend *Moore* that an introduction was unnecessary, as you would let "the work fairly without respect of persons."

"Yours truly,

"(Signed), Edward Blake."

That notwithstanding the statement in the letter of Mr. *Page* to Mr. *Mackenzie*, it appears from a statement made by an Honorable Member in his place in this House, that the Hon. Minister of Public Works, had information connected with the said *John S. Tolton*, the following telegram having been addressed to him by Mr. *David Stirton*, at that time a Member of this House :—

"Guelph, January 4th, 1874.

"To the Hon. *Alexander Mackenzie*,

"Minister of Public Works,

"Ottawa.

"I understand that *John S. Tolton*, of Walkerton, has tendered for the *Goderich Harbor Works*. Mr. "*Tolton* is a thorough practical, honest and reliable man, financially able, and accustomed to the construction "of Public Works. The securities named are reliable, sound men."

"(Signed), D. Stirton."

That it appears that the tender of *John S. Tolton* was improperly ignored, and that the Country has lost thereby the sum of $29,525.

That in the opinion of this House, the Government in thus awarding this contract, are justly censurable for violating the principles of the contract system, and causing serious loss to the Country; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas :

Messieurs

Baby,	Farrow,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Plumb,
Benoit,	Ferguson,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Blanchet,	Flesher,	Macmillan,	Robillard,
Bowell,	Fraser,	McCallum,	Robinson,
Cameron,	Gaudet,	McQuade,	Robitaille,
Campbell,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	Masson,	Rochester,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Mitchell,	Rouleau,
Cimon,	Gill,	Moffat,	Roy,
Colby,	Haggart,	Monteith,	Stephenson,
Costigan,	Harwood,	Montplaisir	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Coupal,	Hurteau,	Mousseau,	Tupper,
Cuthbert,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Orton,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Daoust,	Langevin,	Ouimet,	White (*Hastings*),
Desjardins,	Lanthier,	Pinsonneault	White (*Renfrew*),
Dewdney,	Little,	Platt,	Wright (*Pontiac*).—62
Domville,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),		

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Church,	Horton,	Pickard,
Archibald,	Cockburn,	Huntington,	Pouliot,
Bain,	Coffin,	Irving,	Power,
Barthe,	Cook,	Jetté,	Ray,
Béchard,	Cunningham,	Jones (*Halifax*),	Richard,
Bernier,	Delorme,	Killam,	Ross (*Durham*),
Bertram,	De St. Georges,	Kirk,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Biggar,	Dymond,	Laflamme,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Blain,	Ferris,	Lajoie,	Ryan,
Bolduc,	Fiset,	Laurier,	Scatcherd,
Borden,	Fleming,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Schultz,
Borron,	Flynn,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Scriver,
Bowman,	Forbes,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Sinclair,
Boyer,	Fréchette,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Brouse,	Galbraith,	Mackenzie,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Brown,	Geoffrion,	McCraney,	Snider,
Buell,	Gibson,	McIntyre,	St. Jean,
Burk,	Gillies,	McIsaac,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillmor,	McLeod,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Goudge,	McNab,	Trow,
Carmichael,	Greenway,	Metcalfe,	Vail,
Cartwright,	Guthrie,	Mills,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Casey,	Hagar,	Oliver,	Wood,
Casgrain,	Hall,	Paterson,	Workman,
Cauchon,	Higinbotham,	Perry,	Young.—103.
Cheval,	Holton,	Pettes,	

The House accordingly went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted.—

Quebec.

98	Lower St. Lawrence, repairing various Breakwaters	$20,000 00
	St. Jean, Port Joli Pier (Municipality furnishing an equal amount)	2,000 00

New Brunswick.

99	St. John Harbour	80,000 00
	Clifton, Gloucester Co. (locality furnishing an equal amount)	9,000 00
	Grande Anse, Gloucester Co	1,000 00
	Shippegan Breakwater, Gloucester Co	7,000 00

Nova Scotia

100	Antigonish, Antigonish Co	5,000 00
	McNair's Cove "	5,000 00
	White Pointe, Queens County	3,500 00
	Jordan Bay, Shelburne Co	2,000 00
	Meteghan Cove, Digby Co	3,000 00
	Belliveau Cove	3,000 00
	General Repairs	10,000 00

Prince Edward Island.

101	Colville Bay (Souris)	20,000 00
	Malpeque Breakwater	10,000 00

SLIDES AND BOOMS.

102	Slides and booms	5,000 00

DREDGING.

103	Dredge Vessels	22,000 00
	Dredging	92,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

104	Miscellaneous Works not otherwise provided for	10,000 00
105	Surveys and Inspections	45,000 00
106	Arbitrations and Awards	15,000 00

XIII.—OCEAN AND RIVER SERVICE.

Dominion Steamers.

107	Maintenance and repairs of Steamers *Napoleon III*, *Newfield*, *Druid*, *Glendon* and *Sir James Douglas*	$100,000 00

Mail Subsidies.

108	Steam Communication between Halifax and St. John, *via* Yarmouth	10,000 00
109	Steam Communication on Lakes Huron and Superior	12,500 00
110	Steam Service between San Francisco and Victoria, British Columbia	54,000 00
111	Steam Communication with the Magdalen Islands	4,200 00
112	Winter Service by steamer between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland	20,000 00
113	Steam Communication between Nova Scotia and St. Pierre	5,000 00
114	Steam Communication between Grand Manan Island, N. B., and the Mainland	1,500 00
115	To provide for the examination of Masters and Mates	4,250 00
116	For purchase of Life Boats, Life Preservers and Rewards for Saving Life	4,000 00
117	To provide for investigation into Wrecks and Casualties, and collection of information relating to Disasters to Shipping	500 00
118	Expenses in connection with Canadian Register and Classification of Shipping	500 00
119	Montreal Water Police	14,090 00
120	River Police, Quebec	23,500 00
121	Removal of Obstructions in Navigable Rivers	500 00

XIV.—LIGHTHOUSE AND COAST SERVICE.

122	Salaries and Allowances of Lighthouse Keepers	146,881 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight;

WEDNESDAY, 18th April, 1877.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

123	Maintenance and Repairs	253,263 00
124	For Completion and Construction of Lighthouses and Fog Alarms	30,000 00

XV.—FISHERIES.

Salaries and Disbursements of Fishery Overseers and Wardens:—

125	Ontario	11,600 00
	Quebec	11,500 00
	Nova Scotia, including Inspector and Clerk	14,400 00
	New Brunswick, including Inspector and Clerk	10,130 00
	Prince Edward Island	1,740 00
	Manitoba	200 00
	British Columbia	1,000 00
126	Maintenance and repairs of Steamer for protection of Fisheries	20,000 00
127	Fish-breeding, Fishways and Oyster Beds	20,000 00

XVI.—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OBSERVATORIES.

Observatories.

128	Observatory,	Quebec	2,400 00
129	do	Toronto	4,800 00
130	do	Kingston	500 00
131	do	Montreal	500 00
132	do	New Brunswick	850 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next meeting of The House, *this day*.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 96 to amend the Post Office Act, 1875, *without amendment*.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 48 to grant additional powers to the Albert Railway Company, with one amendment. (On motion of Mr. *Domville*, the said amendment was read the first time,—and on motion of Mr. *Holton*, the Bill and the amendment were referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.)

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that he had received a letter from *James Norris*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of *Lincoln*, notifying him of his resignation, for reasons therein set forth, which letter he read, and is as follows :—

OTTAWA, 17th April, 1877.

To the Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Commons,

SIR,—Some twelve years ago several Steamboat proprietors of whom I was one formed a line of steamers upon the Lakes called the Merchants Line, each proprietor retaining the ownership of his own vessels.

In the year 1874 an Incorporated Company called the Lake and River Navigation Company brought their vessels into the line and it was called The Merchants and Lake and River Company. The Agents of the Line at Montreal were Messrs. *George E. Jakes* & Co.

Some time in the winter of 1875 Messrs. *Cooper, Fairman* & Co., of Montreal, as well as a number of other persons applied to the Merchants Line for rates for the carriage on their account of steel rails to Lake Superior, saying they had tendered, or were about to tender to the Government for the contract. The rate of five dollars per ton for the net carriage was given them as the price at which the Line would carry the rails, subject to certain charges. On the 12th of May, 1875, Messrs. *Jakes* & Co. on behalf of the Line entered into an agreement with Messrs. *Cooper, Fairman* & Co. (who represented that their own tender at $6.20 had been accepted by the Government) to carry the rails at the rate previously named to them of five dollars per ton, subject to certain charges.

It now appears that Messrs. *Cooper, Fairman* & Co., represented to the Government that they were acting for the Merchants Line. For this representation they had no authority whatever from me, or as far as I know from any one else. They had never been in any way agents of the Line.

Immediately after the agreement with *Cooper, Fairman* & Co. of the 12th of May, the carriage of the rails commenced under that agreement, and it appears that after several cargoes had been delivered the Secretary of the Incorporated Company, Mr. *Charles J. Hope*, applied to *Cooper, Fairman* & Co. for payment of freight due his Company, and not obtaining a settlement, wrote a letter to the Secretary of Public Works of the 22nd of June, 1875.

This letter was written without my knowledge, and the statement contained in it, that a tender by Messrs. *Jakes* & Co. on behalf of myself and others had been accepted, is incorrect.

Some time afterwards I was informed that in order to enable the Line to obtain the freight due them by *Cooper, Fairman* & Co. it was necessary to give the latter a power of Attorney to draw the amount from the Government, and the instrument of the twenty-third of July, 1875, was presented to me for signature, as intended to confer such authority.

Under this impression I signed it without reading it considering it a mere formality, and without imagining that I was thereby apparently authorizing a contract to be made on my behalf with the Crown.

The whole business was done under and pursuant to the agreement of *Jakes* & Co., with *Cooper, Fairman* & Co. I never intended to become or supposed I was in any manner a contractor with the Crown, or with any one save *Cooper, Fairman* & Co.

I am to-day advised that I may by these transactions have unwittingly vacated my seat in the House of Commons under the provisions of the independence of Parliament Act, and feel it my duty to notify you of the facts for the information of the House and to resign my seat, and accordingly, I, *James Norris* of the City of Saint Catharines in the Province of Ontario, Shipowner, who was duly elected a Member of the said House of Commons for the Electoral Division of the County of Lincoln, do hereby declare my intention to resign my seat in the said House of Commons and do hereby resign the same.

As witness my Hand and Seal, this 17th day of April, 1877.

JAMES NORRIS.

Witness,—
G. CASAULT,
THOS. OLIVER,

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to the Order of The House of the 2nd instant; for all letters, telegrams, accounts and other papers which have passed between *Robert Moffat*, of Dalhousie, N.B., and the Government of the Dominion or any of its members or officers, in respect to the transport of cargoes of Rails and other Railway materials from the vessels "Colonist," "Bessie Parker" and "Stabstadt," which vessels arrived at the Port of Dalhousie, in the summer of 1875 ; also communications with the Masters of said Vessels in reference to said materials, and more especially the communications between Mr. *Peter Grant*, District Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway and the said *Robert Moffat*,—also copies of the charter parties under which the said parties carried said cargoes—also copies of all contracts or agreements for the transport and delivery of the cargoes of said Vessels from the port of delivery at Dalhousie, to Campbelltown.

Mr. *Blake* presented,—Return to Address of the 22nd April, 1872; for a statement of all sums of money charged and received by the Department of Justice, or the Deputy of the said Department, or by any Officer or Clerk thereof, by way of costs or moneys over due upon Ordnance Land, sold under authority, with dates and items, from Confederation, to the present time.

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand), the Bill No. 117 to amend the Act to incorporate "The Manitoba Junction Railway Company," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, and Rules 49 and 60 suspended, in relation thereto.

The House then adjourned at 1.20 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for papers shewing the dates of the several payments made to the Contractors of Ingonish Harbor; also certificates of Engineer for such payments and for the payment of extras.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Monday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns shewing the number of illicit stills seized by the Revenue Officers of the Dominion in 1876; giving dates when the different seizures were made, where made, and the estimated value of the property seized.

Mr. *Fiset*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the leading officials of the Intercolonial Railway and the settlers and others interested in the Counties of Rimouski and Temiscouata, in relation to damages suffered by the latter from being prevented from crossing in order to attend to their properties; owing to the killing of their cattle going upon the line of Railway for want of fences, or in consequence of the bad condition thereof; or as to damages caused to merchandize and other effects while being carried on the cars.

Mr. *Rochester*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for a copy of the Report of officers *Mial* and *Davis*, respecting the investigation of alleged improper Malt Returns made by Mr. *J. R. Boswell* of Quebec, during the year 1874.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that a vacancy having occurred in the representation, by the resignation of *James Norris*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the County of *Lincoln*, he had, in conformity with the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 25, Section 8, issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ of Election, for the said Electoral District.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 28th ultimo; for a statement setting forth the total number of *Newspapers*, and *other periodicals* in each County and City of the *Dominion*, which have paid postage on papers sent from "*the office of publication*," with the total revenue raised therefrom during the past year.—The statement to be made in the same form, as the one brought down last Session.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted.—

133	Grant for Meteorological Observatories, including Instruments and cost of telegraphing Weather Warnings		$37,000 00
134	Geological Survey		50,000 00

XVII.—MARINE HOSPITALS AND SICK AND DISTRESSED SEAMEN.

MARINE HOSPITALS.

135	Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec		20,000 00
136	Montreal General Hospital	3,000 00	
	Other Ports in Quebec	2,000 00	
			5,000 00
137	St. Catharines' Hospital, Ontario	500 00	
	Kingston do do	500 00	
			1,000 00
138	Halifax General Hospital	3,500 00	
	Other Ports in Nova Scotia	10,000 00	
			13,500 00
139	Hopital of St. John	4,000 00	
	Other Ports in New Brunswick	7,750 00	
			11,750 00
140	Ports in British Columbia		3,000 00
141	Ports in Prince Edward Island		2,000 00

EXPENSES OF SHIPWRECKED AND DISABLED SEAMEN.

142	Province of Quebec		$ 1,000 00
	do	Nova Scotia	2,000 00
	do	New Brunswick	1,000 00
	do	British Columbia	1,000 00
	do	Prince Edward Island	500 00
143	To reimburse Board of Trade, London, for expenses incurred in connection with shipwrecked and distressed seamen of the Dominion		3,000 00

XVIII.—STEAMBOAT INSPECTIONS.

SALARIES.

	Chairman	1,800 00
	Deputy Chairman	1,400 00
	Inspector, Toronto District	1,200 00
	do Three Rivers District	1,000 00
	do Quebec District	1,000 00
	do East Ontario District	1,000 00
	do Montreal	1,200 00
	do British Columbia	750 00
	Travelling Expenses of Chairman, and expenses in connection with steamboat inspection.	1,100 00
	Clerk to Inspection	300 00
144	Travelling and incidental expenses of Inspector of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and contingencies of Office	825 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector of Toronto District, and contingencies of office	430 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector, Three Rivers	125 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector, Quebec	210 00
	do do East Ontario	260 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector, Montreal	250 00
	Salary and travelling expenses of Inspector, Manitoba	200 00
	For purchase of instruments and steam guages	210 00
	To provide travelling expenses of Inspector, British Columbia	750 00
	Engraving and printing Engineer's Certificates, and printing Steamboat Inspection Act in French	640 00

XIX.—INSPECTION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

145	To meet expenses in connection with the Inspection of Insurance Companies	6,000 00

XXI.—INDIANS.

146	For Indians, Quebec			2,200 00
147	Purchase of blankets for aged and infirm Indians of Ontario and Quebec			1,600 00
148	Indians of Nova Scotia, relief, &c			4,500 00
149	Indians of New Brunswick, relief, &c			4,500 00
150	Indians of Prince Edward Island, relief, &c			2,000 00
151	Indians of British Columbia :—			
	Victoria Superintendency	13,200 00		
	Fraser do	17,000 00		
	Estimated cost of Land Commissions and Surveys in both Superintendencies	27,000 00		
				57,200 00

Manitoba and the North-West, for the following purposes :—

Manitoba Superintendency.

152	Annuities under Treaties Nos. 1 and 2	24,205 00
153	do do 3	18,010 00
154	do do 5	15,630 00
155	Agricultural implements, ammunition, twine, farming stock and tools furnished under the above-mentioned Treaties Nos. 1 and 2	8,000 00
156	do do 3	7,500 00
157	do do 5	5,500 00
158	Provisions for Indians assembled to receive annuities under the above-mentioned Treaties	13,000 00
159	Salaries and Office Expenses	18,200 00

North-West Superintendency.

160	Annuities under Treaty No. 4	21,745 00
161	do do 6	48,150 00
162	Agricultural implements, ammunition, &c., under Treaties Nos. 4 and 6 (in last year No. 4 only)	27,236 00

163	For Provisions for Indians assembled to receive annuities under Treaties Nos. 4 and 6 (in last year No. 4 only)	$16,400 00
164	Salaries and Office Expenses	17,000 00
165	Probable cost in connection with new Treaties	60,000 00

MICELLANEOUS.

Miscellaneous Expenditure.

166	To aid Indian Schools in Ontario and Quebec where most required	5,000 00
167	To bring up the annuities payable under the Robinson Treaty to the Chippewas of Lakes Huron and Superior, from 96 cents to $4 per head	11,000 00
168	Canada *Gazette*	4,000 00
169	Miscellaneous Printing	8,000 00
170	Unforeseen Expenses; Expenditure thereof under Order in Council, and a detailed statement to be laid before Parliament during the first 15 days of the next Session.	50,000 00
171	Commutation in lieu of remission of Duties on articles imported for the use of the Army and Navy	12,000 00
172	For the organization of Government in the North-West Territories and Keewatin	22,000 00

XXIII.—CUSTOMS.

Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the several Ports.

173	In Province of Ontario	218,580 00
	do Quebec	202,468 00
	do New Brunswick	92,448 00
	do Nova Scotia	104,257 00
	do Manitoba and North-West Territories	11,454 00
	do British Columbia	22,174 00
	do Prince Edward Island	23,586 00
	Salaries and travelling expenses of Inspectors of Ports and travelling expenses of other Officers on Inspection	16,000 00
	Contingencies of Head Office, covering blank books, printing, stationery, &c., for the several Ports of Entry	15,000 00

XXIV.—EXCISE.

174	Salaries of Officers and Inspectors of Excise	184,000 00
	Travelling Expenses, rent, fuel, stationery, &c	45,000 00
	Preventive Service	3,000 00
	To provide for payment of additional Salary to special class of Excisemen	800 00
	To provide for additions to Outside Service	5,000 00
	To pay Collectors of Customs allowance on Duties collected by them	2,000 00

XXV.—CULLING TIMBER.

QUEBEC OFFICE.

175	Supervisor	2,000 00
	Deputy Superviser and Bookkeeper	1,600 00
	Cashier	1,200 00
	Specification Clerks	1,900 00
	Messenger	400 00
	8 months { Specification Clerks, *viz*:— 1 at $1000; 2 at 700; 4 at 600; 2 at 500 }	5,800 00
	Pay of Cullers	57,000 00
	Contingencies	5,000 00

MONTREAL OFFICE.

	Deputy Supervisor	800 00
	Book-keeper, Specification Clerks	1,000 00
	Pay of Cullers	4,000 00
	Contingencies	300 00

XXVI.—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND GAS (EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION.)

176	Furniture and means of heating 87 Weights and Measures Offices	6,090 00
177	Furniture and means of heating 31 Gas Offices	1,120 00
178	Salaries of Deputy Inspectors of Weights and Measures	52,000 00
179	Salaries of Gas Inspectors	10,650 00
180	Rents of 87 Weights and Measures Offices	8,500 00
181	Rents of 31 Gas Offices	2,420 00
182	Contingencies for Weights and Measures and Gas, such as travelling expenses, fuel, &c	20,000 00

XXVII.—INSPECTION OF STAPLES.

183 For the purchase and distribution of Standards of Flour, &c., and for other Expenditure under the Act..... $1,000 00

XXVIII.—ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

184 To meet expenses under the Act 36 Vic., chap. 49, (will be mainly recouped by Fees)... $10,000 00

XXIX.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Maintenance and Repairs.

185	Salaries and Contingencies of Canal Officers.....	35,170 00
186	Collection of Slide and Boom Dues.....	20,245 00
187	Repairs and working expenses of above.....	366,500 00
188	Intercolonial and other Government Railways in Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick..... / Intercolonial Railway, Quebec.....	1,600,000 00
189	Railway, Prince Edward Island.....	200,000 00
190	Telegraph Lines, British Columbia (including subsidy).....	36,720 00
191	do between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland.....	2,000 00
192	Agent and Contingencies, British Columbia.....	4,000 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight;

THURSDAY, 19th April, 1877.

The following Resolution was adopted:

XXX.—POST OFFICE.

193	For Ontario.....	773,000 00
	Quebec.....	473,900 00
	New Brunswick.....	172,300 00
	Nova Scotia.....	191,600 00
	Prince Edward Island.....	46,000 00
	Manitoba.....	24,000 00
	British Columbia.....	79,000 00
	North-West Territory.....	10,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next meeting of The House, *this day*.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for copy of an Order in Council of the 5th March, ultimo, approving of a By-law of the *Montreal Harbour Commissioners*, in reference to the Tariff of Pilotage, between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 16th February, last; for copies of contract with Mr. *Sewell*, for building the Steamer "*Northern Light*"; the Report of the Inspector and Government Agent, Telegrams, and all other documents, connected with the building of the said Steamer. Also correspondence between the Department at *Ottawa*, and the Agent at *Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island*, and the number of trips made up to date.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*—

No. 110. To transfer the management of certain Harbours, Piers and Breakwaters from the Department of *Public Works*, to the Department of *Marine* and *Fisheries*.

No. 66. To repeal certain Laws making breaches of contract of service criminal, and to provide for the punishment of certain breaches of contract.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 59 to amend an Act incorporating the "Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of Canada," and to change the name to the "Union Assurance Company of Canada," *with amendments*. (On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and the Bill and amendments referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.)

Mr. *Cartwright* laid before The House,—Abstract of Statements of Insurance Companies in *Canada*, for the year 1876. (*In advance of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance.*)

The House then adjourned at 12:15 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Young*—On Friday next—That an Order of The House do issue for a statement shewing all the Contracts let by the Department of Public Works since the 1st day of July, 1867; the lowest and highest Tenders with the names of the Tenderers in each case; the amount and number of the Tender accepted in each case; the amount of each Tender passed over and the reasons for not accepting the lowest Tender passed over, or the lowest available Tender in each case.

Mr. *Dymond*—On Monday next—That an Order of The House do issue for a statement of the suits and legal matters in which the legal firm of the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, M.P., or any partner of his said firm was instructed by his Department to act on behalf of the Crown, during his tenure of office as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, with the dates of such instructions and of the last action in each case.

Mr. *Oliver*—In Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 62)—An Act respecting the Northern Railway Company of Canada.—That the following section be added to said Bill :—

"The Governor and Council reserve the complete control and direction of the station and other ground "in the City of Toronto occupied by the said Company," as well as of the alignment and disposition of the track of the said Railway leading into and within the said City, with a view of completing such arrangements as may be deemed expedient by the Government for effecting proper connections with the other Provincial Railways in the said City."

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OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1877.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

The Petition of the *Chamber* of *Commerce* of the City of *Quebec ;* praying that the proposed improvements in the Harbor of *Quebec*, may be carried out,—and the Petition of the *Lévis Board* of *Trade ;* praying that the Bill now before Parliament to amend the Acts to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbor of *Quebec*, and the "Pilotage Act of 1873," may not become Law, were read and received.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 19th ultimo ; for copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government, regarding the dismissal of the Postmaster of *Upper St. Francis*, in the County of *Madawaska*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 28th ultimo ; for copies of all correspondence, Reports, papers and records, respecting the renewal of the contract for the transportation of the mail between *Campbelltown* and *Paspébiac*, nearly six months before the expiration of the said contract, and without tenders being called for ; and also for copies of the contract.

Mr. *Cartwright* introduced a Bill No. 118 to amend the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act respecting the auditing of the Public Accounts," which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain proposed Resolutions, respecting Weights and Measures, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted .—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures, 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 47, by repealing sections 5, 26, 27, 30, 34 and 41, and re-enacting them with certain amendments providing :—

2. *Resolved*, That the Imperial or Standard British shall always be held to be the measure agreed upon as regards sales of goods by dry measure unless it is otherwise stipulated.

3. *Resolved*, That the hundred weight shall always be understood to mean one hundred pounds, and the ton two thousand pounds, as regard sales by weight, tolls, or duties, unless it is otherwise stipulated, and that public weighers shall always use the same.

4. *Resolved*, That the same rule shall be observed as to contracts for the sale of grain and other articles mentioned in section 5 of the said Act, as before the 1st of January, 1874, and in such contracts a bushel shall be understood to mean the weight of a bushel of the article in question as fixed in the said section and not a bushel in measure, unless it is otherwise stipulated.

5. *Resolved*, That on any verification of weights and measures under section 26, after the first, the party having them in possession shall only pay full fees in case of their being found incorrect, and that otherwise he shall only pay one-fourth of the full fees and charges.

6. *Resolved*, That the parties mentioned in section 27 being manufacturers of, or wholesale dealers in weights, measures or weighing machines, shall not be liable to the penalty therein mentioned for merely offering for sale any uninspected weight, measure or weighing machine, and shall be liable to such penalty only, if they sell the same without having them inspected and stamped; but that other traders using or having in possession such uninspected weights, measures or weighing machines shall be liable to the forfeiture thereof and to the penalty.

7. *Resolved*, That any person, not being a manufacturer or wholesale dealer therein, who refuses to produce and permit inspection of any weights, measures and weighing machines in his possession, or being such manufacturer or wholesale dealer refuses to permit the inspection of such articles in his possession when required, shall incur the penalties mentioned in section 30.

8. *Resolved*, That penalties and forfeitures incurred under the said Act may be recoverable before any competent tribunal, as well as in the manner provided by section 34, by suit brought by the proper officer; and that persons aggrieved by the use of false weights, measures or weighing machines may recover treble costs.

9. *Resolved*, That section 41 be so amended as to allow officers under the Act to adjust weights, measures and weighing machines, on receiving compensation therefor.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Laflamme* then introduced a Bill No. 119 to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 29th March, 1876; for copies of the contracts for the conveyance of Mails between Wallace in the County of Cumberland and Greenville Station on the Intercolonial Railway, supplying the several way offices at Wallace Bridge, Six mile road, Wallace River, Henderson Settlement, Streets Bridge, Middleboro, and Head of Wallace Bay, to 1st November last when the delivery for these offices was changed to Wentworth Station, with the contract for the latter service and the amount paid therefor; also a statement of the new services now required to supply the before mentioned offices and the cost thereof with the tenders received therefor and all correspondence, Petitions and communications with the Post Office Department connected therewith.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Tuesday*, the 23rd of *February, last*, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:—

III.—CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

	The Salaries of the Staff of the following Departments and Offices:—	
3	The Department of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada	$ 15,000 00
4	The Department of Justice	11,600 00
5	do Penitentiary Branch	3,850 00
6	The Department of Militia and Defence	35,750 00
7	do Secretary of State	31,990 00
8	do The Minister of the Interior	42,760 00
9	do Receiver General	21,050 00
10	do Finance	49,800 00
11	do Customs	28,450 00
12	do Inland Revenue	26,967 50
13	do Public Works	48,884 00
14	Post Office Department	85,950 00
15	Department of Agriculture	28,290 00
16	do Marine and Fisheries	25,070 00
17	Treasury Board Office	4,050 00
18	Departmental Contingencies	170,000 00
19	Stationery Office for Stationery	20,000 00
20	To meet the possible amount required for new appointments by an extension of the Staff, or any other change	10,000 00

IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

21	*Miscellaneous Justice* do North-West Territories	20,000 00
22	*Travelling Expenses* of Stipendiary Magistrates in North-West Territories	4,500 00
23	*Circuit Allowances*, British Columbia	15,000 00
24	do Manitoba	1,500 00
25	*Précis Writer* of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court	1,850 00
26	*Clerk* of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court	425 00

27	*Messenger* of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Exchequer Court	$ 330 00
28	*Contingencies and Disbursements*, including Judges' travelling expenses and printing and binding reports, also salaries of Officers to be appointed in the Supreme Court of Canada, and the Exchequer Court	8,000 00
29	Salary of Registrar of Vice-Admiralty Court, Quebec	666 66
30	Salary of Marshal of Vice-Admiralty Court, Quebec	333 34
31	For the Salary of one Stipendiary Magistrate or County Court Judge, to provide, if necessary, for the vacancy created by the death of the late A. T. Bushby, Esq	2,425 00

V.—POLICE.

32	Dominion Police	11,000 00

VI.—PENITENTIARIES.

33	Kingston Penitentiary	127,167 57
34	Rockwood Asylum	3,500 00
35	Halifax Penitentiary, Balances to be transferred to Dorchester Penitentiary if required	28,824 63
36	St. John do do do do do	40,498 50
37	St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary	78,164 13
38	Manitoba Penitentiary	14,389 77
39	British Columbia do	20,950 00

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Tuesday*, the 27th of *February, last*, were reported, and are as follows:—

VII.—LEGISLATION.

Senate.

40	Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Senate	50,918 00

House of Commons.

41	Salaries, per Clerks' Estimate	59,850 00
42	Expenses of Committees, Extra Sessional Clerks, &c	8,500 00
43	Contingencies	20,100 00
44	Publishing Debates	15,000 00
45	Salaries and Contingencies per Sergeant at Arms' Estimate	28,850 00

Miscellaneous.

46	Grant to Parliamentary Library, including provision for Law Books	10,000 00
47	Printing, Binding and Distributing the Laws	14,900 00
48	To meet the estimated expenses in connexion with Consolidation of the Laws	8,000 00
49	Printing, Printing paper and Bookbinding	70,000 00
50	Contingencies of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery	1,200 00
51	Miscellaneous Printing	2,000 00

VIII.—ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

52	To meet expenses in connection with the care of Archives	3,000 00
53	To meet expenses in connection with the organization of the "Patent Record"	7,200 00
54	To meet expenses in connection with the preparation of Criminal Statistics	5,000 00

Resolution 40 to 47, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 48, being read a second time, the concurrence thereon, *was postponed.*

Resolution 49 to 54, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

The Resolution adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Friday*, the 16th of *March, last*, being read a second time, was agreed to, and is as follows:—

IX.—IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

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55	Salaries of Immigration Agents and Employés	26,550 00
	Salaries of Immigration Travelling Agents	13,000 00
	Medical inspection of the Port of Quebec	2,600 00
	Quarantine, Grosse Isle	12,000 00
	do St. John	3,000 00
	do Pictou, N.S.	800 00
	do Halifax N.S.	3,600 00
	do Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1,000 00
	To meet expenses of further precautionary measures for the Public Health	20,000 00
	Contingencies of Canadian and other regular agencies	24,000 00
	Travelling expenses of Travelling Agents	14,000 00

The Resolution adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Monday*, the 9th of *April, instant*, was reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and is as follows:—

X.—PENSIONS.

57	Samuel Waller, late Clerk, House of Assembly	$ 400 00
	John Bright do do	80 00
	Mrs. Antrobus	800 00

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

FRIDAY, the 20th April, 1877.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Tuesday*, the 10th of *April, instant*, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:—

New Militia Pensions.

58	Mrs. Caroline McEachern and four children	265 00
	Rhoda Smith	110 00
	Janet Anderson	110 00
	Margaret Mackenzie	80 00
	Mary Ann Richey and one child	288 00
	Mary Morrison	80 00
	Louise Prud'homme and two children	110 00
	Virginie Charron and four children	150 00
	Paul M. Robins	146 00
	Charles T. Bell	73 00
	Alex. Oliphant	109 50
	Charles Lugsden	91 25
	Thomas Charters	91 25
	Charles T. Robertson	110 00
	Percy G. Routh	400 00
	Richard S. King	400 00
	George A. Mackenzie	73 00
	Edward Hilder	146 00
	Fergus Scholfield	73 00
	John Bradley	109 50
	Richard Penticost	91 25
	James Bryan	109 50
	Jacob Stubbs	73 00
	Ensign W. Fahey	200 00
	Mary Connor	110 00
	Mary Hodgins and three children	191 00
	John Martin	110 00
	A. W. Stevenson	110 00
	Mrs. J. Thorburn	150 00
	Mrs. P. T. Worthington and children	378 00
	Mrs. J. H. Elliott and children	130 00
	Ellen Kirkpatrick and three children	266 00
	Mrs. George Prentice and children	400 00
	Mary Hannah Temple and child	298 00
59	To meet the probable amount required for Pensions to Veterans of War of 1812	50,000 00
60	Compensation to Pensioners in lieu of land	8,000 00

XI.—MILITIA.

Ordinary.

61	Salaries of Military Branch and District Staff		28,600 00
62	Salaries of Brigade Majors		20,000 00
63	Allowances for Drill Instruction		40,000 00
64	Ammunition	$40,000 00	120,000 00
	Clothing	40,000 00	
	Military Stores	40,000 00	
65	Public Armouries and care of arms, including the pay of Storekeepers and Caretakers, Storemen, and the rents, fuel and light of Public Armouries		52,000 00
66	Drill pay and all other incidental expenses connected with the Drill and Training of the Militia		155,000 00
67	Contingencies and general service not otherwise provided for, including assistance to Artillery and Rifle Associations and Bands of efficient Corps		45,000 00
68	Drill Sheds and Rifle Ranges		10,000 00

Extraordinary.

69	Care and maintenance of Military Properties transferred from the Ordnance and the Imperial Government, including rents	10,000 00

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Thursday*, the 12th of *April, instant*, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:—

Special.

70	Pay, Maintenance and Equipment of "A" and "B" Batteries Garrison Artillery and Schools of Gunnery, Kingston and Quebec	$115,000 00
71	Military College	35,000 00
72	Military Schools, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	10,000 00
73	Pay and Maintenance of Dominion Forces in Manitoba	35,000 00
74	Mounted Police, N. W. T.	306,356 50

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Friday*, the 13th of *April, instant*, were reported, and are as follows:—

XII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Railways.

75	Intercolonial Railway, Completion	75,000 00
76	do Extension into Halifax	75,000 00
77	do To deep water at St. John, N. B.	100,000 00

Canals.

For Works of Construction, viz:—

80	Lachine Canal	1,000,000 00
81	Cornwall Canal	100,000 00
82	Welland do	2,000,000 00
83	St. Anne's Lock	40,000 00
84	Carillon and Chute à Blondeau	120,000 00
85	Improving approach to Culbute Canal	40,000 00
86	St. Peter's Canal	80,000 00
87	Miscellaneous work on Canals	10,000 00

Public Buildings, Ottawa.

88	Grounds	35,000 00
	Retaining walls, gates, footpaths, painting, &c.	2,600 00
	Extension, West Block	135,500 00

XII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS—CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

Public Buildings.

Ontario.

90	Guelph Custom House, Excise and Post Office	2,000 00
	Kingston, Military College	40,000 00
	Kingston, Repairing Fortifications	
	London Military Grounds, Fencing and Wood-sheds	3,500 00
	To pay for site for Ottawa Post Office, Custom House and Inland Revenue Office	7,000 00

Resolutions 75, 76, 77, 80 and 81, being read a second time. were severally agreed to.

Resolution 82, being read a second time, the concurrence thereon, was postponed.

Resolutions 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, and 90, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Saturday*, the 14th of *April, instant*, were reported and are as follows:—

Improvement of Navigable Rivers.

89	Improvement of Navigable Rivers	10,000 00
	St. Lawrence, removal of Chains and Anchors	15,000 00
	Neebish Rapids, River St. Mary, Lake Huron	8,000 00
	Cowichan River, B. C., removal of Obstructions	1,500 00

Quebec.

91	Repairing Fortifications, Quebec	20,000 00
	Examining Warehouse, Montreal	17,000 00
	Quarantine Station, Grosse Isle	3,000 00

North-West Territories.

92	Lieutenant-Governor's residence, Registry Office, and three dwelling houses for Officials.	21,000 00
	Mounted Police Buildings and River Crossings	9,000 00

British Columbia.

93	Public Buildings, repairs	1,000 00
	Custom House Store House Wharf, Victoria	5,000 00
94	Public Buildings Generally	20,000 00

PENITENTIARIES.

95	General Penitentiary for the Maritimes Provinces	$117,000 00
	St. Vincent de Paul	16,000 00
	British Columbia Penitentiary	7,000 00

RENTS, REPAIRS, &c.

96	Rents, Repairs, Furniture and Heating, &c	170,000 00
	Heating Public Buildings	40,000 00
	Removal of Snow, Public Buildings, Ottawa	1,800 00
	Gas, Public Buildings, Ottawa	16,000 00
	Allowance for Fuel and Light, Rideau Hall	5,000 00

HARBOURS AND BREAKWATERS.

Ontario.

97	Kincardine Harbour, Lake Huron	12,000 00
	Trenton, including Nigger Island, Bay of Quinté, Lake Ontario	4,000 00
	Newcastle Harbour, Lake Ontario	5,000 00
	Morpeth, Lake Erie, (locality to pay a similar amount)	7,500 00

Resolutions 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 and 96, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 97 to be further considered, at the next sitting of The House, *this day*.

The House then adjourned at 1.25 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. *Robitaille*—On Saturday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for all correspondence, reports and papers concerning the removal of the Post Office from the neighbourhood of the Church of Maria to a distance of over one mile, and the appointment of a Tavern Keeper as Postmaster of that place.

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OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Bill No. 54 to authorize the construction of Water Works by Joint Stock Companies, and with the concurrence of the promoter, report that it is inexpedient to proceed further with the said Bill.

Also,—Bill No. 4 to repeal the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 49, intituled: "An Act to authorize Corporations and Institutions incorporated without the limits of *Canada*, to lend and invest monies therein,"—and in view of the importance of the subject, and the late period of the Session, they report, with the concurrence of the promoter, that it is not expedient to proceed further with the said Bill.

The Committee have also considered the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 59, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of *Canada*, and "to change the name thereof to the *Union Assurance Company* of *Canada*," and have agreed to recommend, that the said amendments be concurred in, except the third, page 1, line 30, which they submit should be disagreed to, for the reason that additional power granted by the said amendment, might lead to serious abuse.

Mr. *Trow*, from the Select Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization, presented the *First and Final* Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee examined the following Witnesses:—

Mr. *Lowe*, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, on the Immigration and Expenditure of the past year;

Mr. *Lesage*, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works and Agriculture for the Province of Quebec respecting the capabilities of that Province for receiving Immigrants;

Mr. *Spence*, Secretary of the Immigration Department, Toronto, on the same subject, with respect to Ontario;

Mr. *Donaldson*, Dominion Immigration Agent, at Toronto, on the distribution and employment of Immigrants in Ontario;

Dr. *Christie*, M.P., on unoccupied lands;

Mr. *J. Y. Shantz*, on the Mennonite Settlements in Manitoba;

Mr. *Bannatyne*, M.P., respecting the North-West, and the late grasshopper visitation;

Mr. *Hugh Sutherland*, of the Public Works Department, respecting the North-West and its communications;

Mr. *Thos. Spence*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Manitoba, respecting that Province and the North-West as a field for immigration;

Mr. *Hill*, of the Kittson Line, on the subject of transport and the resources of the North-West;

Mr. *Fuller*, on the timber and other resources of the North West;
Col. *Dennis*, Surveyor General, respecting lands in Manitoba.

It appears from the evidence of Mr. *Lowe*, that there was in the year 1876, a considerable decline in the immigration to Canada, as compared with the previous year. The total number of immigrants from all sources reported to have settled in Canada in 1876 being 25,633, against 27,382 in 1875; 39,373 in 1874; and 50,050 in 1873; which appears to have been the year of the largest immigration known, to this continent.

This continuous decline in immigration was not special to Canada, but extended to the whole Continent. The United States had an immigration of 459,840 in 1873, which dwindled to 169,000 in 1876, and if the per centage of decline is compared, it will be found that Canada has not been the greatest sufferer:—

Years.	*Per Centage of decline to Canada.*		*Per Centage of decline to U. States.*
1874	21·33	.....	30·00
1875	30·20	.....	27·00
1876	5·35	.....	26·00

The total Emigration from Great Britain to all parts exhibited, during the same years, a remarkable decline, as appears from the following figures:—

Years.	*Emigration.*		*Per Centage of decline.*
1873	310,612	.....	.....
1874	241,014	.....	22·4
1875	173,809	.....	27·92
1876	126,996	.....	27·00

It is a source of satisfaction that, while Canada has shared the depression, it has so well held its own on a comparison of figures.

The Australian Colonies proved to be an exception during the years named, as it appears from the Imperial Returns that the emigration to them shews an increase. It was in 1876, 33,191, but this fact is owing to the very great exertions made by those Colonies to obtain immigrants, and their very large expenditure, out of all proportion, greater than that of Canada, both in Agency and the payment of passages of immigrants.

The Committee find that the class of immigrants brought to this country by the exertions of the Department of Agriculture, were chiefly Agricultural Labourers and Female Domestic Servants; Mechanics and Artizans not having any inducements held out to them to immigrate.

The Agricultural labourers, and especially those with families, and the female domestic servants, were assisted to immigrate by the Dominion Passenger Warrants and to some extent by Ontario Bonus of $6.00, given in further reduction of passage.

The Agricultural labourers who came, appear, as a rule, to have done well, and to have found employment. There is very little doubt that Canada can furnish employment for large numbers of immigrants of this class. The suffering from want of employment has been among the artizans and labourers in Cities; owing to the general depression in all commercial and industrial enterprise. But there is reason to believe that even in this respect, the cities of Canada have not suffered so severely as those of the United States.

It appears from Mr. *Lowe's* evidence that the Department of Agriculture has made special exertions to attract to this country the class of Tenant Farmers; and the time appears to be propitious, as well from causes in the United Kingdom depriving large numbers of their holdings, as the attention which is being attracted to Canada, by the new and important trade in meat, which has somewhat suddenly sprung up.

It may be stated to be a demonstrated fact that meat can be carried, with profit, from Canada to the United Kingdom, and there kept, for a considerable time, in a cold desiccated atmosphere, not only without deterioration, but with actual improvement. The quality of Canadian beef thus carried has been pronounced to be equal to Scotch prime, which is the highest standard.

These facts being established, it follows that the extent of the market must exceed the possible supply from Canada for years to come. But the profitable demand will undoubtedly lead to very greatly increased stock raising, and to the improvement of Canadian farms. The total number of horned cattle, as appears by the last Census, in the four old Provinces of the Dominion, was a little over two millions and a half, and the number killed or sold a little over half a million. There has probably been a considerable increase in the numbers from the date of the Census of 1871. It is, however, evident that any surplus which Canada could now afford is not sufficient to affect a market so vast as that of Great Britain, but an established trade and a steady profitable demand, may, in a few years, entirely alter the present position. This condition of things is highly favorable for attracting the immigration of a very desirable class of settlers.

As regards the special colonization which has been attempted in Manitoba, Mr. *J. Y. Shantz*, the Chairman of the Mennonite Committee of Ontario, who, to a great extent, has had practical charge of the new Mennonite Colonies, reports them to be in a satisfactory position. He gives the number of Mennonites, who have settled in Manitoba at 6,700, which is somewhat in excess of the numbers given by the Department, the figures of the latter being 6,147. Mr. *Shantz* states that the Mennonites are satisfied with their condition and prospects. They find the land to be exceedingly rich, and their crops last year yielded abundantly. He describes them as thrifty and industrious, and stated they would in a few years be enabled to pay the last cent of the special loan voted by Parliament. He further stated that there were yet thousands of Mennonites in Southern Russia, who were anxious to join their brethren in Manitoba, but owing to the failure of their crops for two years in succession, they were unable to emigrate. There are

difficulties placed in the way of the disposal of their properties. There are a number of rich men among them, but these would not leave without their poorer brethren. The Mennonites in Manitoba are grouped together in bands of from 20 to 30 families in each, representing the nucleus of so many villages. The number of Mennonites who joined the Colony last year was 1,357.

There was also during the year a special Icelandic immigration, with a view of establishing a colony in the territory of Keewatin, on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg. The number of Icelanders who immigrated in 1876 was 1,156, in addition to 268 who went to Gimli the previous fall. The success, however, of this colony is, at present, not assured. It was visited during the winter with a very severe epidemic of small-pox, causing a very large proportionate destruction of life, the deaths being 189 out of a population of 1,441. Deaths under 12 years 136 ; over 12 years 53.

A further special colonization which has been in Manitoba consists of repatriated Canadians, principally of French origin. The number of 361 took up land during the year, and they are reported by the agents of the Department to have made a good start. They are satisfied with their condition and prospects. They are thrifty and well adapted for a colonization of this nature, and large numbers of them have written to their friends, in the Eastern States, to join them.

Mr. *Donaldson*, the Dominion Immigration Agent, at Toronto, submitted a plan for colonization in the Free Grant Districts, which is worthy of consideration. He suggests the advisability of clearing a few acres and building a log house thereon, at a cost of about $200, thereby giving occupation, during the winter, to previous settlers. This improvement to be sold, at cost price, but for cash only, to settlers who come in with some means; instead of giving it on credit, as in the case of the Township of *Ryerson*. That Township did fill up, but the subsequent instalments were not paid. Mr. *Donaldson's* plan, while it would aid the settler in a point of great importance to him, would not be open to the risk of loss from credit. The Committee is informed that many immigrants would avail themselves of such an advantage; and, as a question of immigration, they would respectfully submit it to the Local Authorities.

As regards the subject of Immigration Expenditure, the Committee find, after a careful examination of the figures and facts given in evidence by the Secretary of the Department, that it has not been excessive for the service. On the contrary, they find that it has been administered with a view to efficiency and economy. They find that the reductions contemplated by the re-organizing Order in Council of December, 1875, which was considered by the Committee during the last Session, have been made. And after careful examination, they think it is doubtful if further reductions can be made without impairing the efficiency of the service. The Staff of paid Agents now appears to be reduced to thirteen, viz:—One stationary or Chief Agent in London ; one at Liverpool; one at Glasgow; one at Dublin; one at Belfast; and one at Limerick;—and four travelling or lecturing Agents in Great Britain. This constitutes the whole Staff in the United Kingdom. On the Continent, there is an Agent at Paris; one at Hamburg; and one in Switzerland. There are in addition, on the Continent, three unsalaried Agents.

The total expenditure during the calendar year 1876 was $252,013, against $296,692 the previous year. It was further explained that the expenditure in 1876 contained an item of $25,000 for the Dufferin Buildings, which were transferred from the Boundary Commissioners, to the service of Immigration, for which they are found to be useful and necessary. There were also other special and not recurring items of expenditure. The fact of the reductions is established by the Government asking Parliament for a diminished vote for the service of Immigration to the extent of $60,600.

The cost of the London office during the year was $20,054, against $48,538, the previous year. In deduction of both these items, the Governments of the Provinces pay an annual refund of $9,500 for their special use of the London office; Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces having their own Agents, connected with it, to further their several special interests and answer enquiries respecting them. The actual cost to the Dominion of the London office is, therefore, of modest proportions in view of the importance of the service rendered. In addition to being the Chief Immigration Office of the Dominion, the London office now is an established place of call, not only for Canadians going to England ; but for all persons, including Members of Parliament, the Press and Capitalists, seeking for authentic information respecting the Dominion of Canada. Copies of all public documents of the Dominion and the several Provinces, Maps, &c., are regularly kept on file there.

The total cost of Agencies in 1876 was $51,935 against $61,450 the previous year; and the expenditure for Passenger Warrants, *per capita* commissions and all publications, was $64,063, in 1876, against $67,026, in 1875.

The *per capita* cost of immigrants since 1872, based on the number of immigrants reported by the agents to have settled in Canada, and the totals of all Dominion Expenditure, for Immigration, both in Canada and out of it, but not including the amounts spent by the several Provinces from their own funds, was as follows :—

1872	$5.51
1873	6.07
1874	6.37
1875	10.83
1876	11.08

Increases have arisen from two causes; first, the intense competition and very large expenditure to obtain immigrants of the Australian Colonies; and second, the cost of the necessary permanent establishments both in Canada and Great Britain and the Continent, being spread over a smaller number of immigrants.

The *per capita* cost of the special immigration of Mennonites and Icelanders in 1876 was $28.51. If these figures and the item of the Dufferin Buildings were deducted from the expenses of 1876, it would leave the *per capita* cost $7.83.

The information given by Mr. *Lesage* and Mr. *Spence* respecting the resources of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario as fields for Immigration was both interesting and important. It shews that in both of those Provinces, there are very large areas of land still unoccupied and great resources waiting to be developed by immigrants.

As respects the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territory, in addition to the information obtained by the Committee last session, on the subject of the vast areas in those hitherto but little known regions, and their agricultural resources of almost unbounded extent, coupled with climatic conditions favorable to their settlement and development, still further and interesting information has been obtained which is contained in the evidence appended to this Report, to which the attention of Parliament and the public, and particularly the emigrating classes, may be, with profit, directed.

The limits of this report will not permit a recapitulation of the evidence; and it is not further necessary to dwell on the new demonstrated fact of the unsurpassed richness of the soil and the very large crops of cereals and roots it yields. The one question of drawback which has to be considered, and on which the Committee bestowed its special attention, is the scourge of grasshoppers which has at periods, but with long intervals between visited those countries. All the witnesses concur in stating that the country is now free from it; and that there are no eggs laid. The people of the Province appear to believe that they have arrived at another of the intervals of immunity, which Senator *Sutherland* stated in his evidence before the Committee last Session, that he had personally known to last for forty years. And in fact, one of the witnesses, Mr. *Bannatyne*, M.P., stated that the people now do not even think of grasshoppers. But they did, last year, cause considerable destruction in parts of the State of Minnesota, and it is reported that numbers of their eggs are laid there; and the question is, whether as the population becomes more numerous, it cannot successfully cope with the evil. On this point the evidence of Mr. *Hill*, of St. Pauls, is important. He described a special instance, that of Blue Earth County, in Minnesota. He informed the Committee that the grasshoppers visited that County in sufficient numbers to cause the total destruction of crops. In the emergency a reward of a dollar a bushel was offered for the destruction of the insects, and the inhabitants set to work to catch them, with no better appliances than bags made of mosquito nets, stretched on hoops. The result was that 30,000 bushels, equivalent to ninety railway car loads, were destroyed in that County; and the crop that was saved by this exertion, was valued by the Bureau of Agriculture, at Washington, at $600,000. He added, the same exertion was not made in the neighboring County, which is as populous, and naturally as rich, and the result there was an almost entire destruction of crop. Mr. *Hill* further informed the Committee that this experience had led to the invention of a machine made of wire netting, propelled by a horse pushing it before, of such efficiency that one man and one horse could clear fifteen acres per day with it. If these statements are accepted, as established facts, and there appears to be no reason to doubt them, the grasshopper scourge can in future, be dealt with by the energy of man.

The facts given in evidence by Mr. *Hill*, with respect to the cost of transportation, were also of an important character as regards the settlement of Manitoba and the North-West. He stated that wheat can now be brought from Winnipeg to Duluth for 24 cents per bushel; from Duluth to Sarnia for 6 cents; and from Sarnia to Toronto for 5 cents,—making in all 35 cents, between the points of Winnipeg and Toronto. He added that these figures might be accepted as quotations of what may now be done, the tendency as the supply increases, being towards reduction of rates. It follows from this fact, that, if wheat can be grown with the abundance which all the witnesses concur in alleging, on the prolific soil of the North-West, it will cease to be profitable to grow it in Ontario, with the difference of price of only 35 cents per bushel between the points of Winnipeg and Toronto. The quality of the wheat, too, grown in the Northern country has an established superiority. Mr. *Hill* refers to the quotations of the flour made from Minnesota wheat as being much higher than those made from wheat grown in other parts of the Union, and says the millers of his State, being so sensible of the fact take means to prevent the exportation of Minnesota wheat to the Eastern States. Vast milling establishments have been put in operation to manufacture it in Minnesota and to produce the higher priced flour.

The Committee may point out that this probable opening of large wheat supplies from the North-West of the Dominion, comes at the time that the establishing of the new meat trade between Canada and the Mother Country, seems to point to a more profitable occupation for the farmers in the old Provinces.

The Immigration into the Province of Manitoba during the last year was between 3,500 and 4,000, in the face of the grasshopper scourge of the year previous. The Immigration into that Province during the coming season is likely to be very large.

The Committee have ascertained that the fares for foreign Immigrants, brought out by the Government, between Toronto and Winnipeg, (immigrant class) is $17, *via* Duluth; for emigrants from the old Provinces to Manitoba, holding Orders of Government Agents, $20, from Toronto to Winnipeg. The ordinary second class fare is $23, between these points.

The evidence of Mr. *Hill* would go to establish that there is no kidnapping of Canadian Immigrants at the point of Duluth, as he states that, with very slight exceptions, all the tickets issued to Immigrants for Manitoba, are taken up on the Red River. But it nevertheless appears important to have an Agent at Duluth to assist the Immigrants to bond their effects at that point, and save them from many unnecessary and in some cases severe expenses.

The information given by Mr. *Sutherland*, in his evidence appended to this Report, respecting the communications with the North-West, is important. He shews that the available water communications are of vast extent.

And Mr. *Fuller* shows that there is an abundance of timber for all purposes for years to come. The growth of trees appears to be very rapid. Mr. *Hill* stated one specific fact, viz:—that he planted an elm, twenty-one years ago, and that it is now twenty-four inches in diameter.

Your Committee would deprecate the shutting up from actual settlement of large tracts of land in the North-West for the benefit of Companies or other considerations, especially for the purposes of speculation. Their opinion is, that the true policy is to facilitate as far as possible the operations of the actual settler, who,

by his industry, becomes a producer, and thereby adds to the general wealth, and also, by earning means for increased consumption of dutiable articles, adds to the revenues of the country, and thereby enables it to pay for the opening up of still further means of communication, extending the field for settlement for industrious millions from all parts of the world. The Committee consider that in this view, the proper facilitating of immigration is one of the most important of all public questions for Canada; and that the value of the result is out of all proportion greater than the cost of a judicious and efficient service. Mr. *Young*, of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, estimates the value of every immigrant to be $800, and Mr. *Kapp*, one of the New York Emigration Commissioners, who has given much attention to the subject, states the average value of each immigrant to be $1,125. The value of an immigrant who is thrifty and industrious, as a unit in building up a civilized community, in the now waste and vast areas of our North-West, or on the undeveloped lands of the older Provinces, cannot be defined and described, but it is absolutely and undoubtedly very great. It may be pointed out that the class of immigrants required by Canada, at the present time, is confined to those who are able and willing to work, principally on land, or those who have means. The class of professional men, or of men only fitted for special pursuits, should not be advised to come to Canada to seek employment, as they would probably meet with bitter disappointment. Men of loose habits or those unwilling to work, should also be dissuaded from coming.

Your Committee thought it advisable to prepare a series of questions respecting the unsettled lands and Free Grant Districts in Quebec and Ontario, with a view to elicit information to correct some erroneous impressions which they had reason to believe prevailed. These questions were sent to Crown Lands Agents, Wardens, Reeves, Presidents of Agricultural Societies and old Settlers, in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. The Committee also forwarded some of these questions to Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, leaving British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for the subject of a future enquiry. One hundred and seventy-five replies have been received containing facts of great importance to intending immigrants. These have been carefully classified and appended to the Report of Your Committee.

The Committee have also appended to their Report a letter from Mr. *Phipps*, Indian Land Agent and visiting Superintendent of Manitoulin Island. This letter gives a description of the nature of the soil, climate, crops and the advantages offered by that Island to settlers.

From the Algoma District the Committee have received letters from the President and Secretary of the Agricultural Society, descriptive of that District and explaining the terms of settlement within it. Also giving a description of the mineral resources. These letters are appended to the Report.

A letter addressed to Mr. *Cimon*, M.P., from the Rev. Father *Racine*, has been submitted to the Committee and is appended to the Report, herewith. This letter gives a most interesting description of what is called "the kingdom of the Saguenay;" and also contains some extracts from the Report of Hon. Mr. *De Boucherville*, the Premier and Commissioner of Public Works, for the Province of Quebec, giving information of much value, respecting the adaptability and successful settlement of the lands bordering on Lake St. John and the Upper Saguenay Districts.

Letters from Messrs. *John F. Day* and *John Bowker* are herewith appended, together with a Report prepared by a Select Committee of the County Council of Hastings, relative to the advantages to settlers offered by that County.

On the subject of the mines and mineral operations on the shores of Lake Superior, some interesting information was furnished to the Committee by Mr. *Henry Pilgrim*, of Sault St. Marie, a copy of which is appended to this report.

Col. *Dennis*, Surveyor General, gave your Committee some valuable information respecting the Province of Manitoba and the manner in which it has been set apart for settlement. His evidence shews the number of acres in that Province for School, Road and Railway purposes, and also the number of acres belonging to the Hudson Bay Co., and the Half-Breed Reserves. It also contains information respecting the Scrip issued to the Mounted Police and Half-Breeds.

Your Committee cannot close their Report without acknowledging the valuable information and assistance received from Mr. *Lowe*, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

(*For the Proceedings of the Committee, accompanying the Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No.* 6.)

Mr. *Mills* introduced a Bill No. 120 to amend "The Indian Act, 1876;" which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading *to-morrow*.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 59 intituled: "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of *Canada*, and to change the name thereof to the "*Union Assurance Company of Canada*," were taken into consideration.

The said amendments were read the second time.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the third amendment, page 1, line 30, *was disagreed to*, for the reason that the additional power granted by the said amendment, might lead to serious abuse.

The other amendments were concurred in, and a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, to acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

The Bill No. 105 to further amend the Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Quebec*, and "*The Pilotage Act*, of 1873," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 112 to provide for the Inspection of *Petroleum*, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, and the Bill as amended to be taken into consideration, *to-morrow*.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was proposed:—

XII.—PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

78 Pacific Railway..... $1,524,000 00

At 6 o'clock, P.M., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, to adjourn The House, until half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The Bill No. 62 respecting the *Northern Railway of Canada*, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and amended.—The Bill with the amendments to be taken into consideration, *on Monday next*.

The Bill from the Senate No. 100, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Canada Traffic Company," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *as amended*.

(*The Committee of Supply resumed.*)

Resolution 78 was then adopted.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

79 Pacific Railway Survey and Engineering..... 100,000 00

II.—CHARGES OF MANAGEMENT.

1	Financial Inspector			2,600 00
	Office of Assist. Receiver-General,		Toronto	8,000 00
	do	do	Montreal	5,500 00
	Auditor and	do	Halifax, N. S.	10,000 00
	do	do	St. John, N. B.	11,000 00
	do	do	Fort Garry	6,500 00
	do	do	Victoria, B. C.	7,000 00
	do	do	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	4,000 00
	Country Savings Banks, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia			12,000 00
	Seigniorial Tenure and Commission			2,500 00

IX. IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

56 Towards assisting Immigration and Immigration expenses, including estimated expense of transport of Mennonites..... 110,000 00

XXXI.—DOMINION LANDS.

194 Surveys of Land, North-West (including Commission and Staff)..... 60,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, *to-morrow*.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the amendment made by this House, to their amendment to the Bill No. 79 to make provision against the improper use of Fire-arms, *without amendment*.

Also,—with the following Bill of their own No. 121 intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Robert Campbell* and *Eliza Maria Campbell*," to which the concurrence of this House was desired.

The House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 97 *Harbors and Breakwaters, Ontario*, as reported from the Committee of Supply, on *Saturday*, the 14th *instant* (page 318.)

And the question of concurrence thereon being put;—it was agreed to.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Tuesday*, the 17th *instant*, were reported, and are as follows:—

Quebec.

98	Lower St. Lawrence, repairing various Breakwaters		20,000 00
	St. Jean, Port Joli Pier (Municipality furnishing an equal amount)		2,000 00

New Brunswick.

99	St. John Harbour	$80,000 00
	Clifton, Gloucester Co. (locality furnishing an equal amount)	9,000 00
	Grande Anse, Gloucester Co	1,000 00
	Shippegan Breakwater, Gloucester Co	7,000 00

Nova Scotia.

100	Antigonish, Antigonish Co	5,000 00
	McNair's Cove "	5,000 00
	White Pointe, Queens County	3,500 00
	Jordan Bay, Shelburne Co	2,000 00
	Meteghan Cove, Digby Co	3,000 00
	Belliveau Cove	3,000 00
	General Repairs	10,000 00

Prince Edward Island.

101	Colville Bay (Souris)	20,000 00
	Malpeque Breakwater	10,000 00

SLIDES AND BOOMS.

102	Slides and booms	5,000 00

DREDGING.

103	Dredge Vessels	22,000 00
	Dredging	92,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

104	Miscellaneous Works not otherwise provided for	10,000 00
105	Surveys and Inspections	45,000 00
106	Arbitrations and Awards	15,000 00

XIII.—OCEAN AND RIVER SERVICE.

Dominion Steamers.

107	Maintenance and repairs of Steamers *Napoleon III, Newfield, Druid, Glendon* and *Sir James Douglas*	100,000 00

Mail Subsidies.

108	Steam Communication between Halifax and St. John, *via* Yarmouth	10,000 00
109	Steam Communication on Lakes Huron and Superior	12,500 00
110	Steam Service between San Francisco and Victoria, British Columbia	54,000 00
111	Steam Communication with the Magdalen Islands	4,200 00
112	Winter Service by steamer between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland	20,000 00
113	Steam Communication between Nova Scotia and St. Pierre	5,000 00
114	Steam Communication between Grand Manan Island, N. B., and the Mainland	1,500 00
115	To provide for the examination of Masters and Mates	4,250 00
116	For purchase of Life Boats, Life Preservers and Rewards for Saving Life	4,000 00
117	To provide for investigation into Wrecks and Casualties, and collection of information relating to Disasters to Shipping	500 00
118	Expenses in connection with Canadian Register and Classification of Shipping	500 00
119	Montreal Water Police	14,000 00
120	River Police, Quebec	23,500 00
121	Removal of Obstructions in Navigable Rivers	500 00

XIV.—LIGHTHOUSE AND COAST SERVICE.

122	Salaries and Allowances of Lighthouse Keepers	146,881 00
123	Maintenance and Repairs	253,263 00
124	For Completion and Construction of Lighthouses and Fog Alarms	30,000 00

XV.—FISHERIES.

	Salaries and Disbursements of Fishery Overseers and Wardens:—	
125	Ontario	11,600 00
	Quebec	11,500 00
	Nova Scotia, including Inspector and Clerk	14,400 00
	New Brunswick, including Inspector and Clerk	10,130 00
	Prince Edward Island	1,740 00
	Manitoba	200 00
	British Columbia	1,000 00
126	Maintenance and repairs of Steamer for protection of Fisheries	20,000 00
127	Fish-breeding, Fishways and Oyster Beds	20,000 00

XVI.—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OBSERVATORIES.

Observatories

128	Observatory,	Quebec	$ 2,400 00
129	do	Toronto	4,800 00
130	do	Kingston	500 00
131	do	Montreal	500 00
132	do	New Brunswick	850 00

Resolution 98 to 123, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 124 being read a second time, the concurrence thereon, *was postponed.*

Resolution 125 to 132, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

The House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 82, *Welland Canal*, as reported from the Committee of Supply on *Friday*, the 13th *instant*, (page 317).

And the question of concurrence thereon being put;—it was agreed to.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on *Wednesday* the 18th *instant*, were reported, and are as follows:—

133	Grant for Meteorological Observatories, including Instruments and cost of telegraphing Weather Warnings		37,000 00
134	Geological Survey		50,000 00

XVII.—MARINE HOSPITALS AND SICK AND DISTRESSED SEAMEN.

MARINE HOSPITALS.

135	Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec			20,000 00
136	Montreal General Hospital		3,000 00	
	Other Ports in Quebec		2,000 00	
				5,000 00
137	St. Catharines' Hospital, Ontario		500 00	
	Kingston do do		500 00	
				1,000 00
138	Halifax General Hospital		3,500 00	
	Other Ports in Nova Scotia		10,000 00	
				13,500 00
139	Hopital of St. John		4,000 00	
	Other Ports in New Brunswick		7,750 00	
				11,750 00
140	Ports in British Columbia			3,000 00
141	Ports in Prince Edward Island			2,000 00

EXPENSES OF SHIPWRECKED AND DISABLED SEAMEN.

142	Province of Quebec		1,000 00
	do Nova Scotia		2,000 00
	do New Brunswick		1,000 00
	do British Columbia		1,000 00
	do Prince Edward Island		500 00
143	To reimburse Board of Trade, London, for expenses incurred in connection with shipwrecked and distressed seamen of the Dominion		3,000 00

XVIII.—STEAMBOAT INSPECTIONS.

SALARIES.

	Chairman	1,800 00
	Deputy Chairman	1,400 00
	Inspector, Toronto District	1,200 00
	do Three Rivers District	1,000 00
	do Quebec District	1,000 00
	do East Ontario District	1,000 00
	do Montreal	1,200 00
	do British Columbia	750 00
	Travelling Expenses of Chairman, and expenses in connection with steamboat inspection	1,100 00
	Clerk to Inspection	300 00
144	Travelling and incidental expenses of Inspector of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and contingencies of Office	825 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector of Toronto District, and contingencies of office	430 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector, Three Rivers	125 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector, Quebec	210 00
	do do East Ontario	260 00
	Travelling expenses of Inspector, Montreal	250 00
	Salary and travelling expenses of Inspector, Manitoba	200 00
	For purchase of instruments and steam guages	210 00
	To provide travelling expenses of Inspector, British Columbia	750 00
	Engraving and printing Engineer's Certificates, and printing Steamboat Inspection Act in French	640 00

XIX.—INSPECTION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

145	To meet expenses in connection with the Inspection of Insurance Companies		$ 6,000 00

XXI.—INDIANS.

146	For Indians, Quebec		2,200 00
147	Purchase of blankets for aged and infirm Indians of Ontario and Quebec		1,600 00
148	Indians of Nova Scotia, relief, &c		4,500 00
149	Indians of New Brunswick, relief, &c		4,500 00
150	Indians of Prince Edward Island, relief, &c		2,000 00
151	Indians of British Columbia :—		
	Victoria Superintendency	13,200 00	
	Fraser do	17,000 00	
	Estimated cost of Land Commissions and Surveys in both Superintendencies	27,000 00	
			57,200 00

Manitoba and the North-West, for the following purposes :—

Manitoba Superintendency.

152	Annuities under Treaties Nos. 1 and 2	24,205 00
153	do do 3	18,010 00
154	do do 5	15,630 00
155	Agricultural implements, ammunition, twine, farming stock and tools furnished under the above-mentioned Treaties Nos. 1 and 2	8,000 00
156	do do 3	7,500 00
157	do do 5	5,500 00
158	Provisions for Indians assembled to receive annuities under the above-mentioned Treaties	13,000 00
159	Salaries and Office Expenses	18,200 00

North-West Superintendency.

160	Annuities under Treaty No. 4	21,745 00
161	do do 6	48,150 00
162	Agricultural implements, ammunition, &c., under Treaties Nos. 4 and 6 (in last year No. 4 only)	27,236 00
163	For Provisions for Indians assembled to receive annuities under Treaties Nos. 4 and 6 (in last year No. 4 only)	16,400 00
164	Salaries and Office Expenses	17,000 00
165	Probable cost in connection with new Treaties	60,000 00

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous Expenditure.

166	To aid Indian Schools in Ontario and Quebec where most required	5,000 00
167	To bring up the annuities payable under the Robinson Treaty to the Chippewas of Lakes Huron and Superior, from 96 cents to $4 per head	11,000 00
168	Canada *Gazette*	4,000 00

XXII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

169	Miscellaneous Printing	8,000 00
170	Unforeseen Expenses; Expenditure thereof under Order in Council, and a detailed statement to be laid before Parliament during the first 15 days of the next Session.	50,000 00
171	Commutation in lieu of remission of Duties on articles imported for the use of the Army and Navy	12,000 00
172	For the organization of Government in the North-West Territories and Keewatin	22,000 00

XXIII.—CUSTOMS.

Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the several Ports.

173	In Province of Ontario		218,580 00
	do Quebec		202,468 00
	do New Brunswick		92,448 00
	do Nova Scotia		104,257 00
	do Manitoba and North-West Territories		11,454 00
	do British Columbia		22,174 00
	do Prince Edward Island		23,586 00
	Salaries and travelling expenses of Inspectors of Ports and travelling expenses of other Officers on Inspection		16,000 00
	Contingencies of Head Office, covering blank books, printing, stationery, &c., for the several Ports of Entry		15,000 00

XXIV.—EXCISE.

174	Salaries of Officers and Inspectors of Excise	$184,000 00
	Travelling Expenses, rent, fuel, stationery, &c	45,000 00
	Preventive Service	3,000 00
	To provide for payment of additional Salary to special class of Excisemen	800 00
	To provide for additions to Outside Service	5,000 00
	To pay Collectors of Customs allowance on Duties collected by them	2,000 00

XXV.—CULLING TIMBER.

Quebec Office.

175	Supervisor	2,000 00
	Deputy Superviser and Bookkeeper	1,600 00
	Cashier	1,200 00
	Specification Clerks	1,900 00
	Messenger	400 00
	8 months { Specification Clerks, *viz*:— 1 at $1000, 2 at 700, 4 at 600, 2 at 500 }	5,800 00
	Pay of Cullers	57,000 00
	Contingencies	5,000 00

Montreal Office.

	Deputy Supervisor	800 00
	Book-keeper	
	Specification Clerks	1,000 00
	Pay of Cullers	4,000 00
	Contingencies	300 00

XXVI.—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND GAS (Equipment and Inspection.)

176	Furniture and means of heating 87 Weights and Measures Offices	6,090 00
177	Furniture and means of heating 31 Gas Offices	1,120 00
178	Salaries of Deputy Inspectors of Weights and Measures	52,000 00
179	Salaries of Gas Inspectors	10,650 00
180	Rents of 87 Weights and Measures Offices	8,500 00
181	Rents of 31 Gas Offices	2,420 00
182	Contingencies for Weights and Measures and Gas, such as travelling expenses, fuel, &c	20,000 00

XXVII.—INSPECTION OF STAPLES.

183	For the purchase and distribution of Standards of Flour, &c., and for other Expenditure under the Act	1,000 00

XXVIII.—ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

184	To meet expenses under the Act 36 Vic., chap. 49, (will be mainly recouped by Fees)	10,000 00

XXIX.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Maintenance and Repairs.

185	Salaries and Contingencies of Canal Officers	35,170 00
186	Collection of Slide and Boom Dues	20,245 00
187	Repairs and working expenses of above	366,500 00
188	Intercolonial and other Government Railways in Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick; Intercolonial Railway, Quebec	1,600,000 00
189	Railway, Prince Edward Island	200,000 00
190	Telegraph Lines, British Columbia (including subsidy)	36,720 00
191	do between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland	2,000 00
192	Agent and Contingencies, British Columbia	4,000 00

XXX.—POST OFFICE.

193	For Ontario	773,000 00
	Quebec	473,900 00
	New Brunswick	172,300 00
	Nova Scotia	191 600 00
	Prince Edward Island	45,000 00
	Manitoba	24,000 00
	British Columbia	79,000 00
	North-West Territory	10,000 00

Resolution 133 to 168, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight ;

SATURDAY, 21st April, 1877.

Resolution 169 to 186, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 187 being read a second time, the concurrence thereon, *was postponed.*

Resolution 188 to 193, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

The Bill No. 114 for defining and rendering uniform the powers of certain Loan Companies in the matters therein mentioned, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The House then adjourned at 12.40, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Ryan*—On Monday next—ORDER OF HOUSE, for copies of Reports of Engineers and all correspondence and information in possession of the Government, not yet communicated to the House, respecting the feasibility and expense of effecting navigable water communication between the Saskatchewan River and Lake Manitoba.

Mr. *De St. Georges*—On the motion of the third reading of Bill No. 105—The following amendment: That the following section be added to the said Bill:—

That the 8th paragraph of the 18th section of the Act 36 *Victoria*, chapter 62, entitled: "An Act further to amend the Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of Quebec" be struck out and the following substituted: "On Schooners aud Barges of from twenty-five to one hundred "tons, for each time the vessel uses the Harbour of Quebec, one dollar, or on each vessel for the season, five "dollars; on Schooners and Barges from one hundred to two hundred and fifty tons, one dollar for the first "hundred tons, and one cent for each additional ton, or ten dollars per annum."

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3 P.M.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Laflamme*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :---

The Committee have considered the Bill No. 89, to provide for the greater convenience and safety of passengers travelling on Railways in Canada, and have agreed to report, that in view of the lateness of the Session, the Committee, with the consent of the promoter, would recommend, that the said Bill be not further proceeded with this Session.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee having carefully examined the following documents, recommend that they *be printed, viz:*—

Return and Supplementary Return to Address,—relating to the Great Seal of the Province of Nova Scotia that had been affixed to Documents requiring the same.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government and Grand Trunk Railway, for permitting the Carriages of the Intercolonial Railway Company to run over that section of the Grand Trunk Railway between River du Loup and Point Levis. (*In Sessional Papers only.*)

Return to Address,—shewing the names of all Government Officials in Prince Edward Island, specifying nature of office held, &c.

Return to Address,—Statement of all sums of money received by Department of Justice, by way of costs or moneys overdue upon Ordnance Land sold under authority.

Return to Order,—Letters, &c., which have passed between *Robt. Moffat*, of Dalhousie, N.B., and the Government, in respect to the transport of cargoes of rails, &c., from the vessels "Colonist," "Bessie Parker" and "Stabstadt" in 1875, &c.

First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*In Journals only.*)

Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. (*The Report to be published in the Journals only, without the accompanying vouchers and papers.*)

The Committee recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz :—*

Return to Order,—Contracts for the conveyance of Mails between Wallace, in County of Cumberland and Grenville Station on the Intercolonial Railway, supplying the several way offices at Wallace Bridge, &c.

Return to Order,—Resident employés on the Intercolonial Railway within the County of Northumberland, with date of their appointment, &c.

List of Shareholders of the several banks of the Dominion of Canada, in accordance with the Act 34 *Victoria*, Cap. 5, Sec. 12.

Return to Address (Senate),—Statement shewing the newspapers in which advertising has been done by the Government, for the years 1872-'73-'74-'75.

Return to Order,—Monthly return of the Malt taken out of bond each month, from the 1st July, 1876, to 28th February, 1877.

Return to Address (Senate),—Shewing the number of passages made by the Steamship "Northern Light," between Georgetown in P.E.I., and Pictou in N.S., &c.

Return to Order,—Contract with Mr. *Sewell* for building the Steamer "Northern Light," with report of Inspector, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence respecting the grant by the Dominion Government to assist in the construction of the Railway from Quebec to Lake St. John.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Local Government of British Columbia, relative to the appointment of a County Court Judge for the District of New Westminster, in place of *Arthur T. Bushby,* deceased.

Return to Address,—Communications from the first Council of the North-West Territories in regard to the preservation of the Buffalo, &c.

Return to Order,—Engineer's Report of the Survey of Parry Sound Harbor by Mr. *Michaud,* C.E., in 1876.

Return to Order,—Shewing the quantity of wood land in the County of Marquette and the number of Licenses to cut wood or timber in the same.

Return to Address,—Shewing the number of accidents to persons caught in "Railway Frogs," &c., for five years ending 31st December last.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Local and Dominion Governments during 1876 with reference to the adjustments of Indian Lands in British Columbia.

Return to Order,—Correspondence in connection with the defalcation of the ex-Collector of Customs, *Wm. Kidston,* at the Port of Baddeck.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relative to the dismissal of *Wm. Colwell,* Locker in the Custom House Department, St. John, N.B., &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government of Great Britain and the Government of the Dominion relative to the abolition of Light dues upon Canadian Shipping.

Return to Order,—Relating to the abolition of fisheries in the rapids of the Richelieu, in front of the Village of the Canton of Chambly.

Return to Address,—Contracts, &c. during the year 1876 in connection with the enlargement of St. Peter's Canal.

Return to Address,—Instructions given to Mr. *Kingsford* in relation to the repairs on the breakwaters at L'Islet, River Ouelle, &c.

Return to Order,—Petitions, &c., from inhabitants of County of Northumberland, N.B., in relation to the necessity of a breakwater at the Easterly side of Point Escuminac.

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Inspector of Customs for the Province of Nova Scotia in relation to the violation of the Deck Load Law.

Return to Address (Senate),—Disbursements paid on account Prince Edward Island Railway up to January, 1876.

Return to Address (Senate),—Statement of the property and affairs of the Canada Agricultural Insurance Company.

Return to Address,—Order in Council approving of a By-Law of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners in reference to the Tariff of Pilotage.

Return to Order,—Statement setting forth the total number of newspapers &c. which have paid postage on papers sent from office of publication, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence regarding the dismissal of the Postmaster of Upper St. Francis, in the County of Madawaska, N.B.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relative to the transportation of the Mail between Campbelltown and Paspebiac, &c.

Report of the Canadian Commission at the International Exhibition of Philadelphia 1876. (*Not reprinted for Sessional Papers*).

Return to Address (Senate),—Petition complaining of injustice done by Montreal Harbour Commission in the arbitrary dismissal of *P. Charbonneau, P. Côté* and several others, &c.

Report of the Select Committee of last Session on the Agricultural Interests of the Dominion.

Mr. *Archibald*, from the Select Committee appointed, to enquire into and report upon the allegations in the Report and Evidence of the Commission on the *Northern Railway Company*, as to the application of monies payable to the Government; and also to make a searching enquiry into the accounts of the *Northern Railway* and *Northern Extension Railway*, so as to complete the enquiry begun and left unfinished by the Commission, presented a Report, which is as follows:—

That as far as the time at our disposal would admit, we have examined the books and accounts of the Northern Railway and the Northern Extension Railway and have examined a number of witnesses upon certain entries in the said accounts, whose evidence is herewith reported.

Before proceeding to report upon any entries in the said accounts your Committee think it proper to give a brief history of the debt due to the Government by the Northern Railway.

In 1853 and 1854 the Government made advances to the Northern Railway, to the extent of £475,000 sterling which advances stood in the position of a first lien upon the road. No portion of either principal or interest was paid until 1860 when a re-organization of the Company took place, and by an Order in Council passed in 1859, and confirmed by the Act of 1860, the bonded debt of the Company was granted priority both in payment of interest and security, over the Government lien, excepting only about £9,000 of mortgage bonds. By this Act also the Government became the possessor of a £50,000 second preference bond in part payment of interest then due on the Government lien.

The debt of the Company then ranked as follows:—

First preference bonds	£250,000 stg.
Second do do	283,900 "
Government Lien	475,000 "

and remained in this state until 1868, when owing to the representation that the largely increased traffic of the road had overcome its carrying power, an Act was passed authorizing an issue of third preference bonds to the extent of £150,000 stg., which was also granted priority over the Government lien. Of this amount £50,000, denominated Class A, was to be expended in the construction of elevators, and the increase and extension of the Rolling Stock and other equipment works and appliances of the Railway. Of the remaining £100,000 of bonds denominated Class B, £50,000 was to be paid over to the Receiver General, on account of arrears of interest then due, and the remaining £50,000 stg., was to be issued to the holders of Arrears of Interest Debentures of the Company, which had been issued for unpaid interest on the original bonds of the road.

The Class A bonds were disposed of by the Company at 60 per cent with the exception of a small amount which brought 65 per cent. The £50,000 was issued to the holders of Arrears of Interest Debentures, but so far as your Committee can learn no bonds were ever handed over to the Receiver General for arrears of interest on the Government lien, nor has any interest ever been paid thereon, notwithstanding the fact that the interest has been regularly paid upon the Class A. bonds and also upon £50,000 of Class B. bonds issued to arrears of interest debenture holders.

The practical effect of this arrangement was, that to enable the railway to obtain about £30,000 of cash a permanent annual charge of £6,000 stg. was placed ahead of the Government lien.

This arrangement left the revenue of the Company after the payment of working expenses applicable to the payment of interest on the

1st. First preference bonds.
2nd. Second do do
3rd. Third do do Class A.
4th. Third do do Class B.

and afterwards any surplus was to be applied to the payment of the Government lien.

Since 1865 the interest has been paid upon all the bonds with the exception of the third preference B bonds, which should have been handed to the Receiver General; any surplus revenues which may have existed belonged to the Government as applicable first to the payment of interest on the said B bonds, and afterwards to the lien.

The debt remained in this state until 1872, when the Northern Railway leased the Northern Extension Railway, which lease was confirmed by Act of the Dominion Parliament in 1872. An examination of this lease discloses the fact that arrangements were made whereby the interest on debentures to be issued by the Northern Extension was to be paid by the Northern Railway, and charged "in the nature of a rental upon the earnings of the line of Railway of the lessees, and to be recognized and included in the working expenses thereof." As it appears that £177,600 of Debentures and Improvement Mortgage bonds were issued, the effect of this Act was to place the interest on this amount, being about £100,000 stg. per annum, ahead not only of the Government lien but also of all the Northern Railway preference bonds, inasmuch as the interest on these debentures and bonds was to be chargeable to working expenses, which were a first charge upon the revenues of the Company by the Act of 1868, but it does not appear in evidence that this arrangement resulted prejudicially to the Government claim. This was the state of the debt until late in 1876, when the Government lien was extinguished by the payment of £100,000 stg., together with over £2,000 stg. of interest thereon, and also £13,500 stg., being arrears of interest on second preference bonds. This leaves the Government still the owner of £50,000 stg. of second preference bonds, and also entitled to £50,000 stg. of third preference B bonds and the interest thereon.

Our examination of the accounts and the evidence taken thereon shews,—

1. That on the 12th November, 1869, a draft on Mr. *F. W. Cumberland* for $500, made by Sir *John A. Macdonald* was accepted by Mr. *Cumberland*, and on maturity paid out of Railway funds; and that on the 18th November, 1869, another draft for $500 also upon Mr. *Cumberland* and made by Sir *John A. Macdonald* was accepted by Mr. *Cumberland* and subsequently paid out of the funds of the Northern Railway Company, and that these drafts were drawn for and their proceeds used towards defraying the election expenses of Sir *Francis Hincks*, then a member of the Government and a candidate for the representation of North Renfrew, in the House of Commons, and that the said sums were charged in the books of the Railway Company to Parliamentary expenses—and that the whole of the said sum of $1,000 was improperly paid out of moneys which was applicable in payment of the Government claims.

2. We find that during the latter part of 1870, or beginning of 1871, Mr. *F. W. Cumberland*, Hon. *John Ross*, and Hon. *John B. Robinson*, Directors of the Northern Railway Company, by previous arrangement between themselves and without the consent or knowledge of the other directors, subscribed to a testimonial fund to the Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the two former, $1,000 each, and the latter $500; and that on the 14th January, 1871, a cheque of the Northern Railway Company for $2,500 was paid to the Hon. *D. L. Macpherson*, Treasurer of the Fund (who called at the office of the Company therefor), which cheque was in settlement of the above mentioned subscriptions; that this amount was charged to the Hon. *D. L. Macpherson* and appeared in the Books of the Company as an asset until the amalgamation of the said Company with the Northern Extension Railway, when it was, on the 30th June, 1875, charged to Municipal bonuses and Government subsidies. Subsequently that amount was re-charged to the Hon. *D. L. Macpherson*, and so stands at present, and that these entries were made without the knowledge of the Hon. *D. L. Macpherson*.

The Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* states he was not aware of the fact that any moneys were paid out of the funds of the Northern Railway as a subscription to the said testimonial fund, and his statement is sustained by that of the Hon. *D. L. Macpherson*. We find that the said sum of money was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable to the payment of the Government claims.

3. We further find that there was paid out of the funds of the Northern Railway, the sum of $1,000 being the amount of Stock in the Mail Printing and Publishing Company subscribed for by, and now standing in the name of *F. W. Cumberland*, on the Books of the said Company, and that the amount was by Mr. *Cumberland's* direction charged in the Books of the Northern Railway Company, to the accounts of Legal and Parliamentary expenses, but no value therefor was in any way given and that the said amount was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

4. We also find that in April and May, 1872, two payments of $250.00 each were made on account of $1,000, of stock which Mr. *Angus Morrison*, then a Director of the Northern Railway Company, had taken in the Mail Printing and Publishing Company, and that subsequently in October, 1874, two accounts against the Company by the Mail Printing and Publishing Company, one for $250 and one for $270, were presented and paid, and that the said two accounts prepared at the suggestion of Mr. *Barlow Cumberland*, although purporting to be for editorials and notices, were in fact for the balance due on Mr. *Morrison's* stock in the said Mail Printing and Publishing Company, but that no value in any way was given for the said money's, which was thus to the whole amount of $1,000, with $20.00 for interest, improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

5. We find that in 1872 several sums, amounting altogether to $5,440.68 were paid out of the funds of the Northern Railway Company to defray the election expenses of the Hon. *J. B. Robinson*, then President of the Railway, in his contest at the General Election held that year for a seat in the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Algoma, and that by direction of Mr. *Cumberland* this amount was charged in the Books of the Company, one-third to Contingencies, one-third to Parliamentary Expenses, and one-third to Legal Expenses in instalments of one twenty-fourth per month to each account, and that the said amount of money was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

6. We also find that on the 9th and 13th of August, 1872, two cheques for $500 each were given to Mr. *C. J. Campbell*, as a contribution towards the election fund of the supporters of the Government of that day, at the general election of that year, which amounts were paid out of the funds of the Northern Railway, and in the first instance charged to Mr. *Cumberland's* private account in the Books of the Company; and subsequently he was credited with the amount of these cheques, and it was charged to Parliamentary Expenses; and that the said amount was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

7. We further find that on the 30th June, 1869, Mr. *Cumberland's* private account with the Northern Railway was overdrawn to the amount of $2,181.29. He then made his note for that amount to the Company. Large sums charged to his private account appear to have been drawn by Mr. *Cumberland* at or soon after his election for Algoma in 1867 which caused an overdraft in his account. This overdraft increased until it amounted on 30th June, 1869, to the sum for which he gave the note above mentioned.

We further find that on the 15th April, 1873, Mr. *Cumberland's* private account was again overdrawn to the further amount of $10,411.92 caused, as to $6,245,02 by a payment on account of his purchase of the Steamer "Chicora" and as to the balance, viz: $4,166,90 by the payment of his election expenditure as a candidate for Parliament for Algoma and Cardwell. The amounts represented by these notes were drawn out of the Company's funds and the notes were made without the sanction of the Board of Directors. There was no security given for the payment of these notes. On the 30th June, 1875, by direction of Mr. *Cumberland* the amount of the notes $12,593.21 was with two other amounts transferred from the books of the Northern Railway, where they appeared as assets to those of the Northern Extension Railway, where they became expenditures or losses, being charged there to Municipal Bonuses and Government Subsidies Expenses. The effect of this transfer was to extinguish these Claims on the Company's books.

Subsequently, in March, 1876, when the attention of Mr. *Thomson*, the present President of the Northern Railway Company was called by the late Secretary, Mr. *Hamilton*, to this matter, entries were made in the books, the effect of which was to restore the amount of $12,593.21 to the position of an asset of the Company in which position it now properly stands.

Your Committee further find that in February, 1873, Mr. *Cumberland* drew upon the Railway Company for the sum of $8,000, and that this draft was paid out of Railway funds. The amount was, by Mr. *Cumberland's* orders, charged to Parliamentary expenses and so continued until March, 1876, when at the instance of Mr. *Thomson* it was charged to Mr. *Cumberland* on special account. Of this $8,000 the sum of $7,600 appears to have been paid to Mr. *Cumberland* on account of the purchase money due by him upon the Steamer "Chicora." The purchase of a share in this Steamer was made in his own name and behalf and without the knowledge of the Board of Directors, and the earlier payment on the purchase were made by Mr. *Cumberland* and have not apparently been charged to or taken out of the Railway Company's funds.

Your Committee find that the amounts represented by the two notes and the amount of the draft for $8,000, in all $20,593.21, were improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

8. We further find that the Hon. *J. B. Robinson* whilst President of the said Company overdrew his account. In July last the balance appearing against him in the Company's books was about $4,900, since reduced by crediting his fees as a director to $4,606, which he still appears to owe. This balance is arrived at after crediting him from time to time with the salary pertaining to his office. There is, however, a sum of $1,000 which Mr. *Robinson* received, but which he contends he expended for some purpose of the Company, and another sum which he also received but claims to have spent in travelling expenses to New York on the Company's business; deducting these there is still a balance of over $3,000 against Mr. *Robinson*, which your Committee find was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

9. We find that Mr. *Moberley*, formerly Chief Engineer of the Northern Railway, overdrew his account, and afterwards a bonus of $2,000 was granted to him and placed to his credit to balance his account, and that the said amount was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

10. During the Session of the Dominion Parliament in 1873 the Northern Railway Company applied for certain legislation affecting their road, and also a proposal was made by the Government in pursuance of an understanding with the Company for the extinction of the entire amount due the Government both bonds and lien together with the interest thereon, for the sum of $500,000. During that Session drafts were made on 13th March for $1,000, on 17th April for $750, and on 23rd May for $2,000 by Hon. *John B. Robinson*, at that time a member of the House of Commons, upon *F. W. Cumberland*, Managing Director of the Northern Railway, with his consent, two of which, viz: the $1,000 draft and the $2,050 draft were payable to the order of Mr. *Angus Morrison*, also a member of the House of Commons, and by him endorsed. These drafts were in due course paid out of the funds of the Northern Railway Company. Two other drafts upon the Northern Railway were made about this time, one by Mr. *Cumberland*, Managing Director, for $200 and one by Mr. *Boulton*, solicitor of the Company, for $500. It has been satisfactorily explained that the amount of these two drafts was expended in paying the expenses of a delegation from Toronto, brought here for the purpose of advocating the proposed legislation, and in paying printing, travelling and other necessary expenses. As to the expenditure of the first three drafts Mr. *Robinson* alleges that the total amount was divided equally between himself and Mr. *Morrison*. Mr. *Morrison* states that he received a part of the first draft for $1,000 only. A considerable sum appears to have been spent in dispensing hospitalities to Members of Parliament and others, an expenditure which your Committee cannot approve, but for the greater portion of the amount no account has been given. Mr. *Robinson* states no amount was paid to any Member of Parliament.

Your Committee therefore find that the expenditure of $3,750 was improper, and was improperly paid out of moneys which were applicable in payment of the Government claims.

11. Your Committee find that prior to amalgamation the Northern Railway advanced to the Lake Couchiching Hotel Company,—a Joint Stock Company, having a subscribed capital of $19,500, of which $19,000 was paid up—a large amount of money. That subsequently several amounts, aggregating over $17,000 were charged to the Northern Extension Company, and by that Company paid out of the proceeds of certain Bonds of the Northern Extension sold in England, the interest on which was to be paid by the Northern Railway Company. That the Northern Extension road advanced a very large sum of money to the Lake Couchiching Hotel Company for $10,000, of which a mortgage was taken and afterwards transferred to the Northern Railway Company, That at the time of amalgamation in June 1875, $45,235 appeared upon the books of the Northern Extension Company as due from the Hotel Company. That this debt of amalgamation appeared as an asset in the balance that then prepared, and the balance an asset of the Northern Railway. That in 1876 the Hotel was burned, and the insurance money collected, amounting to $31,721.63, after the payment of certain liabilities amounting to $19,704.13, was divided *pro-rata* among the stock-holders of the Hotel, who were in the main the same persons who held the Stock of the Northern Extension Railway, while nothing was ever paid to the Northern Railway Company either on account of the Mortgage which they hold or of the debt transferred to them at the time of amalgamation by the Northern Extension Railway. This Mortgage your Committee consider represents so much money which was applicable in payment of the Government claims.

12. We find that in July, 1868, an account was rendered by Mr. *Hewitt Bernard*, then Deputy Minister of Justice for $500: for fees as a Parliamentary Agent promoting the Act of 1868.

13. We further find that previous to the amalgamation of the Northern Extension with the Northern Railway Company, certain advances were made by the latter to the former as follows:—

Northern Railway Advance Capital Account	$36,087 19
" " Dividend Account	50,549 84
" Co. Current Account	20,755 62
Total	$107,392 65

These advances your Committee consider were made without proper authority.

14. We find that previous to the year 1875, a syndicate had been formed, composed of eight gentlemen, for the purpose of buying up at par all the stock of the two roads, which in 1872 had been amalgamated under the name of the Northern Extension Railroad. This they succeeded in doing. The Act of 1875, which provided for the amalgamation of the Northern Extension Road with the Northern Road, stipulated that in no event should the shareholders of the Northern Extension receive more than the amount of their paid up capital, together with interest at the rate of 10 ten per cent., and a premium of 12½ per cent. thereon. Upon these terms the stock was extinguished by the Northern at the date of amalgamation on the 1st June, 1875 About the 31st May, 1875, the following amounts were granted at a special General meeting of the shareholders as compensation for services before unpaid and extending over several years:—

To Mr. *Frank Smith*, President	$4,000 00
" Mr. *N. Barnhart*, Vice-President	1,250 00
" Board of Directors	8,000 00

These amounts appear to have been thrown into one fund, and equally divided amongst the Directors. On the same day the Board of Directors of the Northern Extension passed a resolution granting to,—

F. W. Cumberland, Consulting Manager	$10,000 00
Owen Jones, Chief Engineer	1,200 00
John Turner, Chairman Ex. Com	1,000 00
J. D. Edgar, Parl'y Counsel	3,000 00
John E. Foreman, Secretary	400 00
Frank Smith, personal expenses	1,000 00

The amount to Mr. *Cumberland* was granted for his services as Consulting Manager, extending over a period of five years, which services had not been paid for in any other way. The amounts to Messrs. *Jones* and *Foreman* were given as bonus to these gentlemen on the close of their services as officers of the Northern Extension. The amount to Mr. *Turner* was for services extending over four years as Chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee. The amount to Mr *J. D. Edgar*, as is stated by him, was given to cover a three months' trip to England in connection with the negociation of the Company's bonds, his services in promoting the Amalgamation Bill before Parliament, and also his Solicitor's account for eight months preceding amalgamation, and in addition to the above other services given in aiding the Directors, extending over a period of five years, and not previously paid for.

During our investigation we have considered and used the evidence taken before the Royal Commission.

We submit herewith the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee—and exhibits mentioned therein.

We recommend that the following papers or exhibits which were obtained for the convenience of the Committee be not printed, viz:—Those marked *AM.—AL.—AK.* L. E. F. G. H. I. M. J. K. P. O. *AC.—AA.—AD.—AE.*

(For the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee, accompanying this Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No. 5.)

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return *(in part)* to the Order of The House, on the 21st February, last; for a Return of both the inside and Outside Divisions of the Civil Service by Departments shewing:—

A.—1st. Number of Employés in each division and in the whole service, arranged according to classes in both Divisions where practicable or according to grades of Office in outside service where no other classification has been established, giving the number in each class or grade.

2nd Total salary paid in each division and in the whole service during financial year, shewing also.

(*a*)—Total paid in each class or grade during current year.

(*b*)—Maximum, minimum and average salaries payable in each class or grade, with statement of annual increments or bonuses allowed, and hours of work.

3rd. Maximum, minimum and average age of Employés in each class or grade of both divisions; shewing also,

(*a*)—Number of Employés in each class or grade.

Over 18 and under 20 years of age.
" 20 " 25 "
" 25 " 30 "
" 30 " 40 "
" 40 " 50 "
" 50 " 60 "
" 60 " 70 "

(*b*)—Average age of Employés at time of appointment in each class or grade of both divisions, and in whole service.

(*c*)—Average age of retirement from service since Confederation.

B.—1st. Number in each class or grade and total who entered service before the establishment of Civil Service examinations.

2nd. Number appointed to each class or grade in both divisions in each year since Confederation, and totals for the whole period by classes and Departments, and in whole service.

(*a*)—As possessing special qualifications, but who were submitted to no general or special examination to test such qualifications.

(*b*)—Not on the ground of special qualifications but who were submitted to no general or special examination.

(*c*)—After undergoing a general or special examination noting which class of examination has been submitted to, and distinguishing the number who passed from the number who failed to pass but were nevertheless appointed or continued in appointments, and also the number examined and rejected.

(*d*)—Number of Cases in which examination preceded appointment and *vice versa*.

C.—1st. Regulations respecting ordinary and special examinations and appointments made under the system of examinations.

2nd. Such other regulations for the management of the service as are not established by Statute.

3rd. Copies of questions used at last general and special examinations, prior to 1st January, 1877; with Statement of what degree of proficiency was required of candidates.

4th. List of successful candidates, shewing percentage of marks obtained.

Also,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for copies of all the Reports which the Royal Canadian Insurance Company may have made with copies of any order requiring the said Company to make such Reports; the whole in conformity with 36 *Victoria*, Chapter 99, Section 16,—and 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48. Also copies of all Reports respecting the business carried on by the said Royal Canadian Insurance Company in the United States of America; the whole in conformity with 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48, of the Acts of Parliament of Canada, and the forms B. and C. of the said Acts.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 7th March, ultimo; for a Return shewing, 1st. The value of live cattle imported into each Province, between the 1st day of January, 1875, and the 1st day of January, 1877. 2nd. The value of live cattle imported into each Province during the same period, and entered in bond for exportation. 3rd. The value of live cattle exported from each Province during the same period, specifying what portion thereof, related to cattle imported in bond. 4th. The value of meats, fresh or cured, the product of cattle imported and killed in bond, and exported during the same period from each Province. 5th. The total value of meats, fresh or cured, the product of horned cattle exported from each Province during the same period.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 16th instant; for a Statement shewing the amounts paid by the Steamer "Chambly," and the Steamer "Cultivateur," at the St. Our's Lock on the River Chambly, during the season of 1875.

And,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 28th ultimo; for a Return of all monies paid for legal services, or legal expenses in Prince Edward Island, from 1st January, 1874, to the present time;—shewing when paid,—to whom paid,—and for what services.

On motion of Mr. *Delorme*, the Return laid before The House on the 5th ultimo, showing the names of all Veterans, who have proved their right to partake in the grant of $50,000, voted last Session, in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and 1815, was referred back to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

The Bill No. 111 respecting Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec*, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, *on Monday next*.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) moved, that the Bill No. 105 further to amend the Acts to provide for the management and improvement of the *Harbor* of *Quebec*, and "*The Pilotage Act* of 1873," be now read a third time.

Mr. *De St. Georges* moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to the Committee that they have power to amend the same, by striking out paragraph 8 of Clause 18, and to insert the following instead thereof:—"On schooners and barges of from 25 to 100 tons, for each time the vessel uses the *Harbor* of *Quebec*, $1; or on each vessel for the season $5; on schooners and barges from 100 to 250 tons, $1 for the first 100 tons, and one cent for each ton over 100 tons, or $10 per annum;" which was negatived on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 26th ultimo; for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government and any of their officers or other parties in Nova Scotia, relating to the supply of coal and water for the operation of the Fog Whistle at Cape D'Or, and a statement of the period or periods during which for the past two years that Fog Whistle has not been in operation, and the reasons therefor.

And,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 2nd instant; for a Return indicating the names and date of appointment of Harbour Masters at Sorel, St. John's, Three Rivers, and Lachine, in the Province of Quebec, and also giving a detailed account of all fees collected by said Harbour Masters, since the 15th of April, 1875, up to this date, under the authority of 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 30, amending 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 34, together with the names of the ships on which such fees have been levied in each year, and the names of the masters of those ships.

The Bill No. 115 respecting the *Great Seals* of the *Provinces* of *Canada*, other than *Ontario* and *Quebec*, was read a second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 48 (*to meet expenses in connection with the Consolidation of the Laws*), as reported from the Committee of Supply, on *Tuesday* the 27th of *February, last*, (page 315).

And the question of concurrence thereon being put;—it was agreed to.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Tupper* moved in amendment, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House cannot approve of the course pursued by this Government, with respect to the *Canadian Pacific Railway*.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, adjourned until *Monday next*, to be then the first Order of the Day, after Routine business.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*—

No. 103. To amend the Act respecting the culling and measuring of Timber.

No. 113. To provide for the payment of travelling allowances to the District or County Court Judges in the Province of *British Columbia*.

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz:*—

No. 41. To establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of *Ontario*.

No. 74. To amend the "*North-West Territories Act*, 1875."

No. 60. To amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act amending the same.

The House then adjourned at 11 o'clock P.M., *until Monday next*.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Goudge*—On Tuesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is proposed during the Recess to publish a list of vessels on the Registry Books of the Dominion of *Canada* on the 31st December, 1876. The last list having been published on the 31st of December 1874—two years ago.

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Tuesday next—BILL to amend the Canadian *Pacific* Railway Act 1874 as to the 21st Section of the same.

Mr. *Campbell*—On Tuesday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for papers and correspondence connected with the sale of Indian Lands in the County of Victoria in the year 1875, and in the year 1876, and the year 1877.

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PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:----

The Committee have examined the Bill from the Senate, No. 121, intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Robert Campbell* and *Eliza Maria Campbell*," and find the Notice *insufficient*.

Mr. *Young*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:----

The evidence taken in reference to the expenditure for work performed under contract on the "*Georgian Bay Branch*," as shewn on page 247 Part II, of the Public Accounts under the head of "*Railways*," together with several of the documents submitted to them, and appended thereto, (marked 7----11----12----13 ----14----15 and 16), which they respectfully submit for the information of The House.

(*For the evidence and documents, accompanying this Report, See Appendix to the Journals, No.* 2.)

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), the Ninth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, *was concurred in*.

Mr. *Domville*, Member for the Electoral District of Kings, New Brunswick, rose in his place, and made the following statement:—

That it appears from the Accounts laid before the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts of this House in the Session of 1875, that the firm of *I. & F. Burpee*, of Saint John, New Brunswick, at divers times between the 20th November, 1873, and the 24th September, 1874, agreed to supply, and did supply for the Government of Canada, divers goods and merchandize to be used for the purposes of the Intercolonial Railway and the Government Railways in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, amounting in all to a large sum of money; that such supplies consist of Railroad Spikes, Cut Spikes, refined iron, telegraph wire, boiled oil, Colza oil, English iron, ingot copper, cast steel, cut nails, white lead, blasting powder, and other wares,—and that he is credibly informed and believes that he can establish, that the monies paid to the said firm of *I. & F. Burpee*, were so paid under contract and agreement made between the said firm, and the officers of the Government charged with the construction and maintenance of the said Railway, and that the Hon. *Isaac Burpee*, a Member of this House was at the time when the said contract and agreement were entered into, and the said payment made, a Member of this House for the Electoral District of the City and County of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick.

On motion of Mr. *Domville*, it was *Resolved*, That it appears from the accounts laid before the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts of this House in the Session of 1875, that the firm of *I.* and *F. Burpee* of St. John, New Brunswick, Merchants, at divers times between the 20th of November 1873 and the 24th of September 1874, agreed to supply and did supply for the Government of Canada, divers Goods and Merchandise, to be used for the purposes of the Intercolonial Railway and the Government Railways in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, amounting in all to a large sum of money;

That such supplies consisted of Railroad Spikes, cut Spikes, refined iron, telegraph wire, boiled oil, Colza oil, English iron, ingot copper, cast steel, cut nails, white lead, blasting powder, and other wares, and that Mr. *Domville*, a Member of this House, has stated, that he is credibly informed and believes that he can establish, that the monies paid to the said firm of *I.* & *F. Burpee*, for such supplies, were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and the officers of the Government, charged with the construction and maintenance of the said Railways, and that the Hon. *Isaac Burpee*, a Member of this House, was at the time when the said contracts and agreements were entered into, and said payment made, a Member of the said firm, and also a Member of this House for the Electoral District of the City and County of St John in the Province of New Brunswick; it be *Ordered*, That the matter herein stated be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and they be required to inquire into the facts, to search for precedents and to report the result of their enquiries, and whether the said Hon. *Isaac Burpee* has vacated his seat.

On motion of Mr. *Domville*, it was *Resolved*, That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into and report upon the allegations of Mr. *Domville*, a Member of this House, in his place this day made, that *Isaac Burpee*, a Member of this House for the Electoral District of the City and County of Saint John, was a member of the firm of *I.* and *F. Burpee*, who entered into contracts or agreements for supplying certain materials for the Intercolonial Railway, and that public monies were paid to the said firm for such materials supplied, that he, the said *Isaac Burpee*, at the time of the making of the said contracts or agreements and the said payment, was a Member of the said firm and of this House; and to report whether the said *Isaac Burpee* had vacated his seat, *should be examined on oath.*

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, the amendments made by the Senate, to the two following Bills, were severally taken into consideration, *and concurred in, viz :*—

No. 41. To establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of *Ontario.*

No. 60. To amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act amending the same.

Mr. *Ross*, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Middlesex, rose in his place, and made the following statement:—

That he was credibly informed and verily believes, that *George Moffat*, while a Member of this House for the Electoral District of the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, received on the 15th September, 1873, for services rendered in connection with the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, the sum of $454.37; that on the 11th December, 1873, the said *George Moffat* did also receive for the transportation of Rails and other services, in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, the sum of $637.15; that on the same day—*namely* the 11th December, 1873, the said *George Moffat* did also receive, for the transportation of Rails and other services in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, the further sum of $314.25; that on the 17th December, 1874, the said *George Moffat* did also receive, for the transportation of Rails and other services in connection with the Intercolonial Railway the sum of $3,567.50; that the said *George Moffat* did also receive on the 25th March, 1876, for the transportation of Rails and other services in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, the sum of $708; that he was credibly informed and believes he can establish, that the monies paid to the said *George Moffat* were so paid under contracts or agreements between him and certain officers connected with the Intercolonial Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works; and that the said *George Moffat* did not ignorantly or unwittingly enter into such contracts or agreements with the Public Works Department, as is shown by the following telegram, signed by *Robert Moffat*, through whom most of the said contracts were made and receipts for the payments in connection therewith given, *viz :*—

"Dalhousie, June 2nd, 1875.

"To *Peter Grant*, Civil Engineer:—

"Mr. *Moffat* wants to know what he has done wrong in connection with taking iron to Campbelltown "last year, that contract for doing so should be let to another. This (year?) he made no preparation for "doing so, but can. At same time wants to be aware of his fault before doing so.

"(Signed) Robert Moffat."

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex) it was *Resolved*, That Mr. *George William Ross*, a Member of this House, having stated in his place, that he has been credibly informed and verily believes, that in the last half of the year 1873, the sum of $1405.77 was paid by the Intercolonial Railway Branch of the Public Works Department to *George Moffat*, who was at the time a Member of this House for the Electoral District of the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, for the transportation of Rails and other services in connection with the Intercolonial Railway:

That he believes and can prove that the said *George Moffat* was also paid by the hands of *William H. Stephenson*, from the Department of Public Works, on the 17th December, 1874, the sum of $3,567.50 for the transportation of Rails and other services in connection with the Intercolonial Railway:

That he believes and can prove that the said *George Moffat* on the 17th December, 1874, was paid by the Intercolonial Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, for the transportation of Rails and other services in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, the sum of $708.

That it would appear from a telegram, sent as follows:—

"DALHOUSIE, June 2nd, 1875.

"To *Peter Grant*, Civil Engineer:—

"Mr. *Moffat* wants to know what he has done wrong in connection with taking iron to Campbelltown "last year, that contract for doing so should be let to another. This (year?) he made no preparation for "doing so, but can. At same time wants to be aware of his fault before doing so.

"(Signed,) ROBERT MOFFAT."

That the said *George Moffat* deliberately and knowingly entered into a contract or agreement with the officers of the Department of Public Works, under which agreement the before-mentioned sums were paid; be it therefore *Ordered*, That the matter herein stated, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and that the said Committee be directed to enquire into the facts, search for precedents, and report the result of their enquiry to The House, and whether the said *George Moffat* has vacated his seat.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go again into Committee of Supply,—and the motion of Mr. *Tupper* in amendment thereto, and which motion was, "that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House cannot approve of the course pursued by this Government, with respect to the *Canadian Pacific Railway*."

And a further Debate arising,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

TUESDAY, 24th April, 1877.

And the Debate still continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Dymond*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 20 minutes before one o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Wednesday next—HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide that the sum of £50,000 stg., Second Preference Bonds now held by the Government of Canada, part of a certain sum of £283,000 stg., of Second Preference Bonds issued by the Northern Railway Company of Canada shall hold equal rank and priority with other bonds of the same character in any re-arrangement that may be authorized by an Act passed during this Session; and further that the sum of £50,000 stg., part of a certain sum of £100,000 stg., of Third Preference Bonds issued by the said Company and now held by the Government of Canada, together with the interest thereon be extinguished on the following conditions:—

1st. That the said Company shall, within one year from the First day of May, 1877, pay to the Government the sum of £45,000 sterling in cash, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

2nd. That the said Company shall, within the same period, pay the Government of Canada the sum of *Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents*, in satisfaction of the sums improperly applied by the Company out of the monies payable to the Government of Canada, and also assign the Mortgage now held by the said Company on the Couchiching Hotel for monies advanced thereon.

No. 54.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1877.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. Speaker informed The House,—that the Clerk of The House, in obedience to the Order of The House on the 16th instant, had laid upon the Table,—a statement showing the ages, names, present salaries and length of service of each officer and permanent Clerk in his Department.

Also, the ages, names and salaries or daily pay, with date when pay commenced of the Sessional or Extra Clerks at present employed in the service of the House of Commons.

Also, a statement by the Sergeant at Arms shewing the ages, names, salaries or daily pay and length of service of Officers, Messengers and others in his Department, whether employed permanently or otherwise.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Bill from the Senate, No. 101, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to make further provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies carrying on business in the Province of *Ontario*," and have agreed to report the same, *with amendments*.

The Committee have also considered the Bill No. 114 for defining and rendering uniform the powers of certain Loan Companies in the matters therein mentioned, and in view of the very great importance of its provisions, and the late period at which it was introduced, they recommend that it be not further proceeded with, but they are of the opinion that a Bill, similar in its aims, should be submitted to Parliament, early next Session.

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole to the Bill No. 62, respecting the *Northern Railway of Canada*, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to the Committee, that they have power to insert the following Clause:—

Nothing in this Act contained shall in any wise affect the rank or priority of any claims now held by the Government of Canada against the said Northern Railway Company of Canada, except in so far and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by any Act passed during this Session, which shall also declare the same to be paid by the Company in satisfaction of certain sums due to the Government of Canada, prior to the issue of the Bonds mentioned in sections one and five, of this Act.

The Bill was accordingly considered again in Committee of the Whole, amended in accordance with the instructions, reported, and agreed to.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to the Committee, that they have power of adding thereto, the following:—

Notwithstanding anything in this Act, or in "*The Northern Railway Company Act* of 1875," contained the paragraph of the Order in Council, made on the 12th day of May, 1859, recited and confirmed by the Act of the Legislature of the late *Province* of *Canada*, passed in the 23rd year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered 105, which paragraph provides as follows:—

"The Governor and Council reserve the complete control and direction of the station and other ground in the City of Toronto occupied by the said Company, as well as of the alignment and disposition of the track of the said Railway leading into and within the said City, with a view of completing such arrangements as may be deemed expedient by the Government for effecting proper connections with the other Provincial Railways in the said City."

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. *Irving* it was *Resolved*, That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into, and report upon the allegations of Mr. *George William Ross*, a Member of this House, made in his place, on the 23rd instant, that *George Moffat*, a Member of this House for the Electoral District of the County of *Restigouche*, had entered into a certain contract or contracts, or agreement or agreements with the Department of Public Works, and for the service thereunder, public monies of Canada were paid to him, and to report whether the said *George Moffat* has vacated his seat, *should be examined on oath.*

The amendments made in Committee of the Whole to the Bill No. 112 to provide for the Inspection of *Petroleum*, were taken into consideration, and concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 111 respecting Ordnance and Admiralty Lands, in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 120 to amend "*The Indian Act*, 1876," was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow.*

The Bill No. 118 to amend the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act respecting the auditing of the Public Accounts," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments concurred in, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow.*

On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill No. 92 further to amend "An Act to provide for the inspection of Gas and Gas Meters," was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*—

No. 106. Respecting the measurement of Steamships, registered under the repealed Act of the late Province of Canada.

No. 91. To amend an "Act respecting the Inland Revenue."

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz:*—

No. 95. For the repression of Betting and Pool-selling.

No. 26. To vest the property and powers of the Pickering Harbor and Road Joint Stock Company, in *Joseph Harris McClellan.* (On motion of Mr. *Gibbs* (S. Ontario), the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in).

The House resumed the further adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go again into Committee of Supply,—and the motion of Mr. *Tupper* in amendment thereto, and which motion was, "that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House cannot approve of the course pursued by this Government, with respect to the *Canadian Pacific Railway.*"

And The House having continued to sit, until 12 of the clock, midnight;

And the question being put on the said proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Baby,	Donahue,	Little,	Platt,
Benoit,	Farrow,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Plumb,
Blanchet,	Ferguson,	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robinson,
Bowell,	Flesher,	McKay (*Colchester*),	Robitaille,
Brooks,	Fraser,	Macmillan,	Rochester,
Cameron,	Gaudet,	McCallum,	Rouleau,
Caron,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McQuade,	Roy,
Cimon,	Gibbs (*Ontario South*),	Masson,	Schultz,
Costigan,	Gill,	Moffat,	Stephenson,
Cuthbert,	Haggart,	Monteith,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Daoust,	Harwood,	Montplaisir,	Tupper,
DeCosmos,	Hurteau,	Mousseau,	Wallace (*Norfolk*),
Desjardins,	Jones (*Leeds*),	Orton,	White (*Hastings*),
Dewdney,	Langevin,	Ouimet,	White (*Renfrew*).—59.
Domville,	Lanthier,	Pinsonneault,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Christie,	Holton,	Pickard,
Archibald,	Church,	Horton,	Ray,
Aylmer,	Coffin,	Irving,	Richard,
Bain,	Cook,	Jetté,	Robillard,
Bannatyne,	Coupal,	Kerr,	Ross (*Durham*),
Barthe,	Delorme,	Killam,	Ross (*Middlesex*),
Béchard,	De St. Georges,	Kirk,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Bernier,	DeVeber,	Laflamme,	Ryan,
Bertram,	Dymond,	Lajoie,	Rymal,
Biggar,	Ferris,	Landerkin,	Scatcherd,
Blackburn,	Fiset,	Laurier,	Scriver,
Blain,	Fleming,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Shibley,
Borden,	Flynn,	Macdonald (*Toronto*),	Skinner,
Bourassa,	Forbes,	Macdougall (*Elgin*),	Smith (*Peel*),
Bowman,	Fréchette,	McDougall (*Renfrew*),	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Brouse,	Galbraith,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Snider,
Brown,	Geoffrion,	Mackenzie,	St. Jean,
Buell,	Gibson,	McCraney,	Taschereau,
Burk,	Gillies,	McIntyre,	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Gillmor,	McLeod,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Goudge,	McNab,	Trow,
Carmichael,	Greenway,	Metcalfe,	Vail,
Cartwright,	Guthrie,	Mills,	Wallace (*Albert*),
Casey,	Hagar,	Oliver,	Wood,
Cauchon,	Hall,	Paterson,	Workman,
Cheval,	Higinbotham,	Perry,	Young.—104.

The House then went again into Committee of Supply; and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again, at the next meeting of The House, *this day*.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 36 to amend and consolidate certain Acts respecting Insurance, *without amendment*.

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 19 to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs, *with amendments*.

Mr. *Cartwright* delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending, 30th June, 1877; and in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 24th April, 1877.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said Message and Supplementary Estimates were referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Blain*—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE for Returns shewing the costs, charges and expenses of complying with the Addresses and Orders of this House and of the Senate directing Returns to be furnished during the Sessions of 1873 and 1874 and the present Session.

Mr. *Gibbs* (South Ontario)—On Thursday next—That the Standing Orders of this House so far as they affect a Bill brought down from the Senate intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Robert Campbell*" be suspended.

2nd. That the said Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading.

No. 55.

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OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for copies of all documents and correspondence in relation to the appointment of a new Postmaster for the Parish of St. Augustin, County of Two Mountains, and to the change in the location of the Post Office of the said Parish, during the year 1875, and until the end of March, 1876.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for copies of all correspondence and papers in reference to the dismissal of Mr. *Wm. Cornock*, from the Postmastership of *Erin Village*, in the County of *Wellington*.

And,—Return to Address of the 5th ultimo; for copies of all the correspondence having reference to the change of Mail Conductors on the Kennebec Railway, since the first of January 1875;—and also the names of those parties from whom contracts were taken away since that date, before the term for which they held such contract, had expired;—and also the names of those parties who took their places.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the Order referring the Bill No. 117 to amend the Act to incorporate "*The Manitoba Junction Railway Company*," to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines was discharged, the fee thereon ordered to be refunded, and the Bill (on motion of Mr. *Thompson*, Haldimand), withdrawn.

Mr. *Mackenzie* introduced a Bill No. 122 respecting the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

Mr. *Mousseau*, Member for the Electoral District of Bagot, rose in his place, and made the following statement:—

That it appears from the Public Accounts laid before this House in this Session of 1877, that some time in the year 1876, the sum of $272.21 was paid to the firm of *Frothingham & Workman* out of the public monies for hardware supplied for repairs, furniture, etc., to the Penitentiaries of the Dominion:

That it also appears, and that he is credibly informed and believes that he can establish that divers sums of money were also paid during the same year and during the ensuing nine months expiring on the 1st day of April, instant, out of public monies to the said firm of *Frothingham* and *Workman* for hardware and other goods supplied to the Department of Public Works for repairs and other works made and to be made on the following *Canals, Lachine, Carillon* and *Grenville, Beauharnois, Chambly, Ste. Anne's Locks*, and *St. Ours Locks*:—and

That he is credibly informed and believes he can establish that the monies so paid to the said firm of *Frothingham & Workman* were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and public officers representing the Board of Directors of Penitentiaries and the Department of Public Works, and that *Thomas Workman*, Esq., a Member of this House was, at the time when the said contracts and agreements were entered into, and the said payments made, a Member of the said firm, and also a Member of this House for the Electoral District of *Montreal West*.

On motion of Mr. *Mousseau* it was *Resolved*, That whereas it appears from the Public Accounts laid before this House in this Session of 1877, that some time in the year of 1876, the sum of $272.21 was paid to the firm of *Frothingham & Workman* out of the public monies for hardware supplied for repairs, furniture etc., to the Penitentiaries of the Dominion:—

That whereas it also appears, and that Mr. *Mousseau*, a Member of this House has stated in his place in The House that he is credibly informed and believes that he can establish that divers sums of money were also paid during the same year and during the ensuing nine months expiring on the 1st day of April, instant, out of public monies to the said firm of *Frothingham* and *Workman* for hardware and other goods supplied to the Department of Public Works for repairs and other works made and to be made on the following *Canals*:—*Lachine*, *Carillon* and *Grenville*, *Beauharnois*, *Chambly*, *Ste. Anne's Locks* and *St. Our's Locks*:—

And whereas the said Mr. *Mousseau*, a Member of this House has also stated in his place in The House that he is informed and believes he can also establish that the monies so paid to the said firm of *Frothingham* and *Workman* were so paid under contracts and agreements between the said firm and public officers representing the Board of Directors of Penitentiaries and the Department of Public Works, and that *Thomas Workman*, Esq., a Member of this House, was at the time when the said contracts and agreements were entered into, and the said payments made, a Member of the said firm, and also a Member of this House for the Electoral District of *Montreal West*; be it therefore

Ordered, That the matter therein stated be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and that they be directed to enquire into the facts, to search for precedents, and to report the result of their enquiries, and whether the said *Thomas Workman* has vacated his seat.

Mr. *Casey*, Member for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Elgin, rose in his place, and made the following statement:—

That he is credibly informed and believes he can establish that in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, the newspaper "*Le Nouveau Monde*," published at Montreal was paid divers sums out of the public monies for advertising, printing and stationery printed and done by the said paper for public offices, *to wit*:—the Department of Militia, the Post-Office, the Inspectors of Penitentiaries, and the Public Works *per agreement*, and under contract with the officers of the said Departments, and that at all the times above mentioned, *Alphonse Desjardins*, Esq., a Member of this House, for the Electoral District of *Hochelaga*, was the sole Editor of the said newspaper and published the same for his sole benefit and advantage, and that the said *Alphonse Desjardins* was then and is now a Member of this House for the Electoral District of *Hochelaga*.

On motion of Mr. *Casey* it was *Resolved*, That whereas it appears that in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, the newspaper "*Le Nouveau Monde*," published at Montreal, was paid divers sums out of the public monies for advertising, printing and stationery printed and done by the said paper for public offices, *to wit*:—the Department of Militia, the Post Office, the Inspectors of Penitentiaries, and the Public Works *per agreement* and under contract with the officers of the said Departments, and that at all the times above mentioned, *Alphonse Desjardins*, Esq., a Member of this House for the Electoral District of Hochelaga was the sole Editor of the said newspaper and published the same for his sole benefit and advantage, and that the said *Alphonse Desjardins* was then and is now a Member of this House for the Electoral District of Hochelaga; be it therefore

Ordered, That the matter herein stated be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and that they be directed to enquire into the facts, to search for precedents, and to report the result of their enquiries, and whether the said *Alphonse Desjardins* has vacated his seat.

On motion of Mr. *Young* it was *Resolved*, That this House does not insist on its disagreement to the seventh amendment made to the said last mentioned Bill No. 29, and that the said amendment be now concurred in; which was agreed to, and a Message ordered to be sent to the Senate to acquaint them therewith

And also,—that they have passed the Bill No. 67 to amend the Law respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent, *with amendments*. (On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in).

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return to Address of the 4th instant; for copies of all papers and correspondence between the Dominion Government of Department of Marine and Fisheries and the British Government or the British Admiralty—or any of its officers or any party acting for either of the above named authorities, in relation to the transfer of Portage Island, in the Bay of Miramichi, from the jurisdiction of the British Admiralty to the Dominion Government,—also all Reports to the Council from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, in relation to the same subject and Orders of Council thereon.

Mr. *Brouse*, from the Select Committee on Vital Statistics and public health appointed to enquire into the expediency of legislating in the matter of sanitary reform, have the honor to report:—

1st. That in the opinion of the Committee there appears to be no existing means by which the ravages of disease and contagion may be guarded against, and without the existence of such means a perfect condition of health cannot be obtained.

2nd. That it is the opinion of the Committee that unless certain laws be enforced conducive to public health, and unless a complete system for the collection of Sanitary Statistics be established, perfect security from epidemics cannot be obtained, and such laws to have the desired effect would require careful and effectual legislation. At present it is apparent that the country is dependent upon the Federal authorities for the compilation and collection of such Statistics.

3rd. That in *Great Britain*, *France* and the *United States* the most beneficial results have ensued upon the enforcement of sanitary reforms, founded upon accurate Statistical information.

4th. That the Provinces of *Ontario*, *Quebec* and *Nova Scotia* have severally, but in an imperfect manner, legislated with the view of obtaining returns of Vital Statistics.

5th. That in *Calcutta*, *London* and other great Cities the death rate has perceptibly decreased since the enforcement of sanitary reform, and careful legislation for the health of the people, and in the above mentioned cities the decrease has been nearly 50 per cent.

6th. That the Legislature has for years past offered great inducements for increasing the population of the Dominion by Immigration, but unfortunately it has never taken the proper steps to preserve that increase by a system of laws of a sanitary nature, and it is the opinion of the Committee that without the enforcement of such law, the result must prove anything but satisfactory. It is well known that the epidemic of 1847, was introduced to this country by Immigrants landing on our shores still suffering from disease, thus communicating it to those who might otherwise have escaped, and proving the necessity of establishing some more effective means whereby the ravages of contagion may be prevented.

7th. That in the opinion of the Committee it is the duty of the Government to place themselves in a position to procure such information as will enable them to act promptly if called upon to prevent the importation and spread of disease.

8th. It is a well-known fact that the Government have annually expended large sums in paying Inspectors and other public servants to guard the lives of the public against accidents by fire, water, and other dangers to which human life is exposed. All this is quite proper and shows that we are protected by an appreciative Government, but unfortunately the Government have never seen the necessity to specially legislate to prevent the introduction and spread of disease, which once broken out in some of our larger cities in the present state of affairs, would prove far more disastrous than the burning of a building or the giving away of a dam. A careful Legislation on the part of the Government would place the population of the Dominion in a far more secure condition than they are now in. A striking illustration of this fact was the terrible epidemic in the *North-West*, which ravaged the Icelandic population and then spread to the Indians and other inhabitants of that territory, thus showing the want of a proper means of arresting and stamping out contagious diseases. Here the Government found the outlay attendant upon sending medical and other aid far greater than if a regular system of sanitary law had been adopted, besides the terrible loss of life which might otherwise have been avoided. Were a greater interest shown by the Government in the sanitary condition of the Dominion, and did a more perfect code of laws exist regarding public health the population of the country would greatly increase and Immigration would be greatly facilitated. This has been peculiarly shown some years ago by the State of *Colorado*. That State by addressing circulars to all the leading medical men of the *United States* and *Canada*, embodying a set of sanitary queries, and showing the comparative advantage of that territory for healthy settlement, succeeded in attracting settlers from all parts of the country, including *Canada*, thus peopling their territory to the detriment and cost of ours.

The Committee further add that as an apparent conflict of jurisdiction exists between the Provincial Government and this Government as regards Legislation respecting Statistics and public health, they strongly recommend that some arrangement should be speedily effected to accomplish the object herein set forth.

The Committee further urge that the Government, as soon as the public interest will allow, should legislate for the health of the people.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, *to-morrow*, to consider the following Resolution :—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide that the sum of £50,000 stg., Second Preference Bonds now held by the Government of Canada, part of a certain sum of £283,000 stg., of Second Preference Bonds issued by the Northern Railway Company of Canada shall hold equal rank and priority with other bonds of the same character in any re-arrangement that may be authorized by an Act passed during this Session; and further that the sum of £50,000 stg., part of a certain sum of £100,000 stg., of Third Preference Bonds issued by the said Company and now held by the Government of Canada, together with the interest thereon be extinguished on the following conditions :—

1st. That the said Company shall, within one year from the First day of May, 1877, pay to the Government the sum of £45,000 sterling in cash, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

2nd. That the said Company shall, within the same period, pay the Government of Canada the sum of *Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents*, in satisfaction of the sums improperly applied by the Company out of the monies payable to the Government of Canada, and also assign the Mortgage now held by the said Company on the Couchiching Hotel for monies advanced thereon.

A Message was received from the Senate, informing this House, that they do not insist on their amendment made to the second Clause of the Bill No. 20 to incorporate the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited), to which this House disagreed.

Also,—that they do not insist on their third amendment made to the Bill No. 59 to amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Assurance Company of *Canada*, and to change the name thereof to the " Union Assurance Company of Canada," to which this House disagreed.

Also,—that they do not insist on their sixth amendment made to the Bill No. 29 to amend the Act incorporating "The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company," to which this House disagreed, but that they insist on their seventh amendment for the following reason:—because the provisions of the seventh amendment are to bring the Bill into conformity with the General Act of this Session, affecting Joint Stock Companies.

The amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 95 for the repression of Betting and Pool-selling, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

The amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 19 to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

The Bill No. 118 to amend the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act respecting the auditing of the Public Accounts," was read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 120 to amend "*The Indian Act*, 1876," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 119 to amend the Acts respecting Weights and Measures, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported.

Mr. *Laflamme* moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax) moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with an instruction to the Committee that they have the power to amend the same, by providing that the Wine Gallon of 231 Cubic inches, and the Winchester Bushel of 2150 $\frac{42}{100}$ Cubic inches, shall be the only standards of Weights and Measures, with respect to those articles to which they apply; which was negatived on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

XXXII.—MINOR REVENUES.

195	Estimate of amount for which a vote is required		$10,000 00

CHARGES OF MANAGEMENT.

196	Additional amount required for Seigniorial Tenure Commission	1,000 00	
	To pay for professional services in connection with Seigniorial Tenures	2,100 00	
			3,100 00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Department of Justice.

197	For arrears of salary of Deputy Head, from 1st Sept., 1876, to 30th June, 1877		333 33

Department of Justice (Penitentiaries Branch.)

198	Inspectors, Manitoba and British Columbia		175 00

Office of the Queen's Privy Council.

199	Increase to salary of Private Secretary		200 00

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

200	Increase of salary of Messenger, Supreme Court of Canada and Exchequer Court, from 19th January, to 30th June, 1877, at $30 per annum		13 50

PENITENTIARIES.

201	Kingston—Maintenance		6,762 63
202	St. Vincent de Paul:—		
	Adjustment of salaries, and pay of additional officers	1,087 29	
	Maintenance	9,487 17	
	Tramway to Quarries	7,365 00	
			18,659 46
203	St John, N.B.—Maintenance		2,150 00
204	Manitoba:—		
	Fencing, farming and garden implements	350 00	
	Expenses of removal to new Penitentiary	1,000 00	
	Rent of old Prison, from 1st May, 1876, to 1st February, 1877	750 00	
	Maintenance	2,000 00	
			4,100 00

LEGISLATION.

205	For salaries of Officers (additional) and contingencies of Library		$3,835 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

206	To meet increased expenditure in connection with issue of Patent Record		1,500 00
207	Expenses in connection with Exhibition at Sydney, N.S.W		25,000 00

MILITIA.

208	*North-West Mounted Police:*— Expenses connected with the concentration of the Mounted Police Force in the vicinity of the Boundary Line, rendered necessary by the disturbed condition of Indians in United States Territory	27,500 00	
	To pay for four seven-pounder guns, carbines and ammunition, and for the transport thereof	6,250 00	
			33,750 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight;

THURSDAY, the 26th April, 1877.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Railways.

209	Intercolonial Railway,	Completion	200,000 00
210	do	Construction of 700 freight cars	370,000 00
211	do	Extension into Halifax (contribution to powder magazine)	20,000 00
212	do	Printing, &c., in connection with Petitions of Right in the Supreme Court	17,500 00

Canals.

213	Lachine Canal	250,000 00
214	Welland Canal	200,000 00
215	Culbute Canal	25,000 00
216	St. Peter's Canal	15,000 00
217	Grenville Canal	30,000 00

Buildings.

218	Ottawa Buildings—Library	25,000 00
219	Buildings at Forts McLeod, Walsh, Calgarry, Saskatchewan, Tail Creek, Qu'Appelle and Shoal Lake	15,000 00

CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

Improvement of Rivers.

220	Removal of Beaver Rock, Victoria, B.C	9,800 00

Harbours and Breakwaters.

221	South Ingonish, Cape Breton, N.S	1,600 00
222	Goderich, Lake Huron	32,000 00

Public Buildings.

223	Furniture for house of Lieutenant-Governor, N.W.T	5,000 00

Rents, Repairs, &c.

224	Gas, Public Buildings, Ottawa	6,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

225	Miscellaneous Printing	5,750 00	
	do for translating into French the Rules of the Supreme Court	84 80	
			5,834 80
226	Expenses in connection with the Grasshopper Relief Committee, Manitoba		2,500 00
227	To provide for the purchase of 350 copies of the Parliamentary Companion		525 00
228	To provide for expenditure in connection with the Survey of the Stickine River		3,000 00
229	To meet expenses already incurred and those which will probably yet have to be incurred before the termination of the current fiscal year, in the District of Keewatin		12,000 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

EXCISE.

230	Preventive Service	2,500 00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

231	To pay Deputy Inspector's expenses incurred in distributing circulars containing information as to the operation of the Act	2,000 00

INSPECTION OF STAPLES.

232	To pay expenses of Boards of Examiners		$ 3,000 00

DOMINION LANDS.

233	To meet expenses for this service :—		
	Surveying certain Indian Reserves	4,000 00	
	Survey of Public Roads for Icelanders; also of a number of Townships for the Icelandic Colony	6,000 00	
	Probable expenses of a Commission for the settlement of conflicting claims	1,500 00	
	Survey of nine certain roads or leading trails in the Province, pursuant to the Statute 39 Vic., cap. 20	1,000 00	
			12,500 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,---and Committee to sit again at the next meeting of The House, *this day.*

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz :*----

No. 61. To incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited)." (On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in).

No. 33. To incorporate "*La Société de Construction St. Jacques*," as a Permanent Building Society; and for other purposes. (On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

No. 21. To amend the Act 37 *Victoria*, Chapter 50, respecting Permanent Building Societies in *Ontario*. (On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

No. 58. To incorporate the "Dominion Building Society," under the name of "The Dominion Mortgage Loan Company;" and for other purposes.)

The Bill from the Senate No. 101 intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to make better provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies, carrying on business in the Province of *Ontario*," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, *as amended.*

Mr. *Cartwright* delivered the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, which were read by Mr. Speaker, and are as follow:—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending, 30th June, 1877, for Fisheries; and in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 25th April, 1877.

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending, 30th June, 1878; and in accordance with the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 25th April, 1877.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said Messages and Supplementary Estimates were referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 26th ultimo; for copies of all the correspondence between the President or Cashier of the Ontario Bank, and the Hon. the Finance Minister, or the Finance Department, respecting the Government Deposits in the Ontario Bank since 1st November, 1873, to the present time.

The House then adjourned at 15 minutes to 2 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex)---On Monday next---That the Clerk do lay on the Table a statement of the expenses of Committees of this House distinguishing as follows:---

1. Travelling expenses of Witnesses.
2. Sums paid for telegrams.
3. Sums paid for Witnesses' fees.
4. Sums paid Short-hand writers.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1877.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of Chatham, was read and received; praying for certain improvements in the navigation at the point where the *Chenal Ecarté* empties itself, into *Lake St. Clair.*

Mr. *Ross* (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents, and recommend that they *be printed, viz:*—

Return (in part) to the Order of The House of the 21st February last, of both the Inside and Outside Divisions of the Civil Service, by Departments, &c. (*Tabulated and Condensed.*)

Return to Order, shewing the quantity of Iron rails removed from the Government Railways, and the Railway Companies to which they have been loaned, &c.

Return to Order, shewing the names of all veterans who have proved their right to partake in the grant of $50,000 voted last Session in favor of Militiamen of 1812 and '15.

Return to Order, shewing the value of live cattle imported and exported into and from each Province between 1st January, 1875, and 1st January, 1877, and the value of meats imported and exported, &c.

Report of the Standing Committee of Immigration and Colonization, together with a map (*an edition of* 15,000.)

The Committee also recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz:*—

Return to Address,—Reports which the Royal Canadian Insurance Company may have made in conformity with 36 *Victoria,* Chapter 99, Sect. 16, &c.

Return and *Supplementary Return to Address,*—Statement of the property and business assets and liabilities of the Company "*Le Credit Foncier du Bas Canada.*"

Return to Order,—Statement shewing the amounts paid by Steamer "Chambly" and the Steamer "Cultivateur" at the St. Ours Locks, on the River Chambly, during the season of 1875.

Return to Order,—Return of moneys paid for legal services or expenses in Prince Edward Island, from 1st January, 1874, to present time, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to tha supply of coal and water for the operation of the Fog Whistle at Cap D'Or, &c.

Return to Order, indicating the names and date of appointment of Harbour Masters at Sorel, St. John's, Three Rivers and Lachine, in the Province of Quebec, with account of all fees collected by them, &c.

Return to Order,—Tenders received for construction of Contract No. 15 Canadian Pacific Railway, &c. (*In their 8th Report the Committee recommended this Return to be printed, but on re-examination would recommend that it be not printed.*)

On motion of Mr. *Baby*, the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 58 to incorporate the "Dominion Building Society" under the name of "*The Dominion Mortgage Loan Company*," and for other purposes, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th ultimo, for a copy of every tender received since November last by the Postal Department for carrying the Mails in British Columbia; with the names of the tenderers and their securities; also a copy of all telegrams and letters received or sent by the Postal Department respecting the same.

On motion of Mr. *Irving* it was *Resolved*, That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into, and report upon the allegation of Mr. *Mousseau*, a Member of this House, made in his place, on the 25th instant, that public monies had been paid to the firm of *Frothingham* and *Workman*, at a time when *Thomas Workman*, a Member of this House, was a member of the said firm, in pursuance of a contract or agreement theretofore entered into between the said firm, and certain Public Departments, *should be examined on oath.*

Mr. *Gibbs* (S. Ontario) moved, that the Standing Orders of this House, so far as they effect the Bill from the Senate No. 121 intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Robert Campbell* and *Eliza Maria Campbell*," be suspended, and that the said Bill be placed on the Orders of the Day, for a second reading; which was negatived on a division.

On motion of Mr. *Irving* it was *Resolved*, That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom it has been referred to enquire into the allegation of Mr. *Casey*, a Member of this House, made in his place on the 25th instant, that *Alphonse Desjardins*, a Member of this House had been paid public monies for advertising, printing and stationery for certain Public Departments while such Member, in pursuance of certain contracts theretofore made by him and the said Public Departments, while he was a Member of this House, *should be examined on oath.*

The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting certain Preference Bonds held by the Government, and issued by the *Northern Railway Company of Canada*, etc.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide that the sum of £50,000 stg., Second Preference Bonds now held by the Government of Canada, part of a certain sum of £283,000 stg., of Second Preference Bonds issued by the Northern Railway Company of Canada shall hold equal rank and priority with other bonds of the same character in any re-arrangement that may be authorized by an Act passed during this Session; and further that the sum of £50,000 stg., part of a certain sum of £100,000 stg., of Third Preference Bonds issued by the said Company and now held by the Government of Canada, together with the interest thereon be extinguished on the following conditions:—

1st. That the said Company shall, within one year from the First day of May, 1877, pay to the Government the sum of £45,000 sterling in cash, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

2nd. That the said Company shall, within the same period, pay the Government of Canada the sum of *Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents*, in satisfaction of the sums improperly applied by the Company out of the monies payable to the Government of Canada, and also assign the Mortgage now held by the said Company on the Couchiching Hotel for monies advanced thereon.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.

Mr. *Cartwright* then introduced a Bill No. 123, to provide for the arrangement of certain claims of the Government of Canada, upon the *Northern Railway Company*; which was read the first, a second and third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day, for the third reading of the Bill No. 120 to amend "*The Indian Act*, 1876," was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 115 respecting the Great Seals of the Provinces, other than *Ontario* and *Quebec*, *without amendment.*

Also,—agreeing to the Bill No. 108 to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875, *with amendments.*

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill No. 109 to amend the Acts respecting Duties of Customs and of Excise, being read ;

Mr. *Masson*, having drawn the attention of Mr. Speaker to an irregularity in the proceedings upon the concurrence by The House in the Resolutions reported from the Committee of *Ways* and *Means, viz :*—that the question for the second reading of the said Resolutions does not appear to have been put to The House, but only the second reading of the first Resolution,—it was *Resolved*, That the said informality shall not in future be quoted as a precedent.

The Bill was then read a second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, and the amendment concurred in.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, that the Bill be now read, a third time.

Mr. *Rochester* moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to the Committee that they have power to amend the first section of the said Bill, by striking out after the words " on every pound of malt," the words " two cents," and substituting therefor the words " one cent " ; which was negatived on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed *on a division.*

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, that the Bill No. 122 respecting the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament, be now read a second time ; which was agreed to on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Archibald,
Aylmer,
Béchard,
Bernier,
Biggar,
Blain,
Bolduc,
Borron,
Bowman,
Brooks,
Brown,
Buell,
Burpee (*Sunbury*),
Carmichael,
Cartwright,
Casey,
Cauchon,
Cheval,
Christie,
Church,
Coffin,
Cook,
DeCosmos,
Delorme,
De St. Georges,
Dymond,
Ferris,
Fiset,
Fleming,
Flynn,
Forbes,
Fréchette,
Galbraith,
Gibson,
Gill,
Gillmor,
Goudge,
Greenway,
Guthrie,
Hagar,
Hall,
Higinbotham,
Holton,
Horton,
Huntington,
Irving,
Kerr,
Killam,
Kirk,
Laflamme,
Lajoie,
Landerkin,
Laurier,
Macdonald (*Toronto*),
McDonald (*Cape Breton*),
Macdougall (*Elgin*),
McDougall (*Renfrew*),
MacKay (*Cape Breton*),
McKay (*Colchester*),
Mackenzie,
McCraney,
McIntyre,
McLeod,
McNab,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Mitchell,
Paterson,
Perry,
Pickard,
Power,
Ray,
Richard,
Robillard,
Ross (*Durham*),
Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Ryan,
Rymal,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Shibley,
Sinclair,
Smith (*Peel*),
Smith (*Selkirk*),
Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Snider,
Taschereau,
Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Thomson (*Welland*),
Trow,
Vail,
Wallace (*Albert*),
Wallace (*Norfolk*),
White (*Renfrew*),
Wood,
Young.—97.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Baby,
Benoit,
Bertram,
Blanchet,
Bowell,
Cameron,
Caron,
Cimon,
Costigan,
Coupal,
Cuthbert,
Daoust,
Dewdney,
Domville,
Donahue,
Farrow,
Flesher,
Fraser,
Gaudet,
Gibbs (*Ontario North*),
Gibbs (*Ontario South*),
Harwood,
Hurteau,
Jones (*Leeds*),
Langevin,
Lanthier,
Little,
Macdonald (*Kingston*),
Macmillan,
McQuade,
Masson,
Monteith,
Montplaisir,
Mousseau,
Orton,
Pettes,
Pinsonneault,
Platt,
Plumb,
Pope (*Compton*),
Robinson,
Robitaille,
Rouleau,
Roy,
Stephenson.—45.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed *on a division.*

And The House having continued to sit, until 12 of the clock, midnight ;

FRIDAY, the 27th April, 1877.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

UNPROVIDED ITEMS OF 1875-76.

234	*Vide* Public Accounts, 1875-76, page 370 :—		
	Capital	73,967 60	
	Consolidated Fund	80,589 67	
			$ 154,557 27

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM SERVICE.

Dominion Steamers.

235	To provide for extraordinary expenditure incurred for this service	15,000 00	
	Pay for repairs, maintenance and balance due for construction of *Northern Light*	16,000 00	
			31,000 00

LIGHTHOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

236	To provide additional amount required for maintenance, viz. :—amount expended in repairs at Amet Island Breakwater, N.S	7,275 00	
	Replace buildings and fog-whistle at Digby, N.S. (destroyed by fire)	5,000 00	
	Purchase of land at Point Pleasant, Ont	750 00	
	do Isle à la Pierre	1,575 00	
	Cost of building pier at Isle aux Prunes	1,000 00	
	Excess of costs for repairs at St. Paul's Humane Establishment, N.S., over Estimates	2,400 00	
			18,000 00
237	To provide amount required to complete construction of Lighthouses and Fog-Whistles commenced in 1875 and 1876 (Re-vote)		39,000 00

FISHERIES.

238	Further amount required for Fisheries Overseers' salaries and disbursements	9,500 00	
	Further amount required for Fish-breeding	8,000 00	
			17,500 00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Department of Justice.

239	To provide for the salary of an Inspector of Indian Agencies, &c., with the rank of Chief Clerk of the 2nd grade	1,800 00

Department of the Secretary of State.

240	One 1st class Clerk	1,400 00	
	One 3rd do	600 00	
			2,000 00

Department of Agriculture.

241	Private Secretary	600 00

LEGISLATION.

242	Expenses of Committees, Extra Sessional Clerks, &c., House of Commons	4,500 00
243	Salaries of Officers (additional), and contingencies of Library	3,500 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

244	To provide for expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with the Exhibition to be held at Paris	25,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Railways.

245	Prince Edward Island Railway, including Stores	42,000 00
246	Pacific Railway Survey	130,000 00
247	Pacific Railway Construction—Pembina Branch Extension	60,000 00

Canals.

248	St. Lawrence Canals and Rapids	$20,000 00
249	St. Peter's Canal	49,500 00

CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

Public Buildings.

250	Post Office and Customs House accommodation, St. Johns, P.Q	4,000 00

Harbours and Breakwaters.

251	Campobello, N.B. (Wilson's Beach)	1,000 00
252	St. Peter's Bay, King's Co., P.E.I	5,000 00

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM SERVICE.

253	To provide for Mail Subsidy between Halifax and Cork, if necessary	39,541 67

LIGHT-HOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

254	Towards possible additional construction of light-houses and fog-whistles	30,000 00

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OBSERVATORIES.

255	To aid in the construction of a telegraph line from Matane to Fox River	10,000 00

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

256	Expenses in connection with re-measurement of steamers in inland waters	800 00

INDIANS.

Manitoba Superintendency.

257	To provide for the payment of salaries to certain medical officers within that superintendency	4,000 00

Manitoba and the North-West.

258	To provide for such expenses as may be incurred in prosecuting the survey of Indian Reserves during the year	15,000 00
259	To provide for the purchase of seed grain and implements of husbandry, to be given to bands of Sioux Indians in the neighborhood of the Q'Appelle Lakes	3,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

260	Miscellaneous printing	2,000 00
261	To provide for the expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with the proposed visit of His Excellency the Governor General to Manitoba	8,000 00
262	Towards paying cost of enquiries respecting disposal of sawdust and mill-rubbish in navigable waters	600 00
263	To meet expenses of Halifax Commission	30,000 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

EXCISE.

264	Preventive Service	2,500 00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

265	To provide for the travelling expenses, rent and salaries of Inspectors, P.E.I	3,100 00	
	To provide for additional Inspection Divisions	3,000 00	
			6,100 00

DOMINION LANDS.

266	To provide for further expenditure in this service, viz.:		
	Surveying remaining portion of boundaries of Manitoba	4,000 00	
	Survey of Battleford	3,000 00	
	Fixing the precise latitude and longitude of some point in the North-West Territory to facilitate systematic extension of surveys	2,500 00	
	Copies of Maps	1,000 00	
	Surveying of leading post trail or stage route from Manitoba to Battleford	2,500 00	
			13,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next meeting of The House, this day.

The House then adjourned at 1.05 o'clock, A.M.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. *DeCosmos*—On Saturday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Do the Government intend to make any provision for the erection of a Battery at McCauley's Point, B.C., in accordance with the recommendation of Major-General *Smythe*, in order to provide protection for Victoria and Esquimalt against any hostile invasion that may arise out of the existing relations between the Imperial Government and Russia. If so, do they intend to make further provision for the protection of New Westminster and Nanaimo ?

No. 57.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1877

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1877.

PRAYERS were read.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to the Order of The House of the 16th instant; for copy of a Return of all monthly measurements and estimates for the various kinds of work done on Section No. 16 Intercolonial Railway while under contract to Messrs. *King & Gough* and subsequently under contract to *J. C. Gough*, showing the actual quantities and kinds of all work executed and returned, the amounts made out for same at the schedule rates for each month by the Divisional Engineer in charge, and the amount for each month respectively certified by the Chief Engineer of the Railway or paid or certified by the Commissioners of the Railway and paid to the contractors or contractor or their agents.

For the amounts of all sums of money paid by, or through the Government, or its agents on behalf of or in liquidation of debts due by the firm of *King & Gough* or *J. C. Gough* on account of contract on Section No. 16, to whom paid, on whose authority the sums were paid, and the nature and extent of the service or work done therefor after the contract had been taken by the Government from *J. C. Gough*.

For the quantities of work done by the Government or its agents after the contract had been taken from *J. C. Gough*, showing the monthly estimates for the various kinds of work actually done, and the amounts of money paid for such work and to whom paid.

For the number of structures now built in first and second class masonry, paving, &c., in each and the extent of the opening or waterway of each structure now on the section, the quantity of Rip-rap done, of concrete used, the quantity or length of fencing, the cattle guards built, with the items of cost for each.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland) presented,—Return to the Order of The House on the 12th ultimo; for copy of a Return shewing:—

1st. The names of the Slide Masters in the employ of the Department of Public Works at each of the Slide Stations on the Ottawa River and its tributaries on the 1st day of July, 1876;

2nd. The salary or remuneration paid to each of the said Slide Masters for the year ending 1st July, 1876;

3rd. The number of pieces of Timber and Saw Logs, respectively, passed through each of the said Slide Stations for the year ending 1st July, 1876.

And,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for copies of the Petition of the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec; praying for the guarantee of the Government, for an additional sum of $250,000, in order to complete the improvements, in the above mentioned Harbor of Quebec.

Mr. *Cartwright* presented,—Return to Address of the 2nd instant; for 1st. A statement of debentures issued by the Government of Canada, for the purchase of a building for the Court-house and Gaol of the District of Kamouraska.

2nd. A statement of the cost of the said building, and of the maintenance thereof since.

3rd. A statement of the amounts levied by taxes and of licenses imposed on said District for the building and prison fund, up to the 30th June last.

4th. A statement of the amounts paid on the said debentures and interest, shewing the amount, if any, remaining due on the said debentures, and if there be nothing, then how much has been collected over and above the amount of the said debentures and interest.

Mr. *Casey*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the present condition of the *Civil Service*, and the method of nominating and examining Candidates for appointments, with a view of ascertaining the general efficiency of the Service, presented a Report;—which was referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, with a view to its being printed, with the evidence, accompanying the said Report.

Mr. *MacKay* (Cape Breton), from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *Henry Mitchell*, and others, with instructions to enquire into the allegations as to the state of the *Coal Trade* contained in the said Petition, and into the best means of promoting *Inter-Provincial Trade*, presented a Report; which was referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, with a view to its being printed, with the evidence, accompanying the said Report.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the amendments made by this House to their Bill No. 101 intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to make further provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies, carrying on business in the *Province* of *Ontario*," *without amendment.*

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments. viz:*—

No. 62. Respecting the *Northern Railway Company* of *Canada.* (On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

No. 53. To make further provision respecting the constituting and management of Building Societies, in the *Province* of *Quebec.* (On motion of Mr. *Holton*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 103 to amend the *Pilotage Act* of 1875, were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill No. 74 to amend the "*North-West Territories Act*, 1875," were taken into consideration, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. *Domville* it was *Resolved*, That the Order of The House, referring the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill No. 48 respecting the *Albert Railway Company*, to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines be discharged, and that the said amendment be considered *this day.*

Mr. *Huntington* presented,—Return to Address of the 28th ultimo; for copies of papers and correspondence on the subject of the closing of the Post Office, in the vicinity of the church *St. Jean L'Evangeliste de la Nouvelle.*

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 21st ultimo; for Copy of the Commission or other documents appointing *John Dewe* Post Office Inspector; and also of all orders defining his duties and functions and within what limits he was to exercise his said office.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 2nd instant; for copies of all papers, Reports and correspondence in connection with the dismissal of *J. Murray Nase*, Postmaster, at the mouth of the Neripis, King's Co., N.B.,—also for the Petition from the inhabitants in the District in respect to the same.

And,—Return to the Order of The House on the 28th ultimo; for copies of correspondence between the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, and the Dominion Government, relating to the rule in existence, in regard to unprepaid letters.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter, which he had received:—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, 27th April, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to prorogue the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,

E. G. P. LITTLETON,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable,
The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. *Smith* (Westmoreland), presented,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for copies of all Reports to Council by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in relation to the Bass and Gasperaux Fisheries in the Rivers Napan and Black River, Miramichi and the shores in the vicinity of the same; also all Orders in Council made thereon since 1st January, 1874; also all Reports made by the overseers of Fisheries and by the Inspector of Fisheries in relation thereto; also all letters and correspondence had with the Department in relation to the said subject.

The House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 124 (*Completion* and *construction* of *Light houses* and *Fog-Alarms*), as reported from the Committee of Supply, on *Friday*, the 20th instant (page 325).

And the question of concurrence thereon being put; it was agreed to.

The House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 187 (*Repairs* and *Working Expenses—Public Works*), as reported from the Committee of Supply, on *Friday*, the 20th instant, (page 328).

And the question of concurrence thereon being put; it was agreed to.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Friday*, the 20th instant, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:—

78	Pacific Railway	$1,524,000 00
79	Pacific Railway Survey and Engineering	100,000 00

II.—CHARGES OF MANAGEMENT.

1	Financial Inspector			2,600 00
	Office of Assist. Receiver-General, Toronto			8,000 00
	do	do	Montreal	5,500 00
	Auditor and	do	Halifax, N. S.	10,000 00
	do	do	St. John, N. B.	11,000 00
	do	do	Fort Garry	6,500 00
	do	do	Victoria, B. C.	7,000 00
	do	do	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	4,000 00
	Country Savings Banks, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia			12,000 00
	Seigniorial Tenure and Commission			2,500 00

IX.—IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

56	Towards assisting Immigration and Immigration expenses, including estimated expense of transport of Mennonites	110,000 00

XXXI.—DOMINION LANDS.

194	Surveys of Land, North-West (including Commission and Staff)	60,000 00

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on *Wednesday*, the 25th instant, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:—

XXXII.—MINOR REVENUES.

195	Estimate of amount for which a vote is required	10,000 00

CHARGES OF MANAGEMENT.

196	Additional amount required for Seigniorial Tenure Commission	1,000 00	
	To pay for professional services in connection with Seigniorial Tenures	2,100 00	
			3,100 00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Department of Justice.

197	For arrears of salary of Deputy Head, from 1st Sept., 1876, to 30th June, 1877	333 33

Department of Justice (Penitentiaries Branch.)

198	Inspectors, Manitoba and British Columbia	175 00

Office of the Queen's Privy Council.

199	Increase to salary of Private Secretary	200 00

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

200	Increase of salary of Messenger, Supreme Court of Canada and Exchequer Court, from 19th January, to 30th June, 1877, at $30 per annum	13 50

PENITENTIARIES.

201	Kingston—Maintenance		6,762 63
202	St. Vincent de Paul:—		
	Adjustment of salaries, and pay of additional officers	1,807 29	
	Maintenance	9,487 17	
	Tramway to Quarries	7,365 00	
			18,659 46
203	St John, N.B.—Maintenance		2,150 00

204	Manitoba:—		
	Fencing, farming and garden implements	$ 350 00	
	Expenses of removal to new Penitentiary	1,000 00	
	Rent of old Prison, from 1st May, 1876, to 1st February, 1877	750 00	
	Maintenance	2 000 00	
			$ 4,100 00

LEGISLATION.

205	For salaries of Officers (additional) and contingencies of Library	3,835 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

206	To meet increased expenditure in connection with issue of Patent Record	1,500 00
207	Expenses in connection with Exhibition at Sydney, N.S.W	25,000 00

MILITIA.

208	*North-West Mounted Police:*—		
	Expenses connected with the concentration of the Mounted Police Force in the vicinity of the Boundary Line, rendered necessary by the disturbed condition of Indians in United States Territory	27,500 00	
	To pay for four seven-pounder guns, carbines and ammunition, and for the transport thereof	6,250 00	
			33,750 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Railways.

209	Intercolonial Railway,	Completion	200,000 00
210	do	Construction of 700 freight cars	370,000 00
211	do	Extension into Halifax (contribution to powder magazine)	20,000 00
212	do	Printing, &c., in connection with Petitions of Right in the Supreme Court	17,500 00

Canals.

213	Lachine Canal	250,000 00
214	Welland Canal	200,000 00
215	Culbute Canal	25,000 00
216	St. Peter's Canal	15,000 00
217	Grenville Canal	30,000 00

Buildings.

218	Ottawa Buildings—Library	25,000 00
219	Buildings at Forts McLeod, Walsh, Calgarry, Saskatchewan, Tail Creek, Qu'Appelle and Shoal Lake	15,000 00

CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

Improvement of Rivers.

220	Removal of Beaver Rock, Victoria, B.C	9,800 00

Harbours and Breakwaters.

221	South Ingonish, Cape Breton, N.S	1,600 00
222	Goderich, Lake Huron	32,000 00

Public Buildings.

223	Furniture for house of Lieutenant-Governor, N.W.T	5,000 00

Rents, Repairs, &c.

224	Gas, Public Buildings, Ottawa	6,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

225	Miscellaneous Printing	5,750 00	
	do for translating into French the Rules of the Supreme Court	84 80	
			5,834 80
226	Expenses in connection with the Grasshopper Relief Committee, Manitoba		2,500 00
227	To provide for the purchase of 350 copies of the Parliamentary Companion		525 00
228	To provide for expenditure in connection with the Survey of the Stickine River		3,000 00
229	To meet expenses already incurred and those which will probably yet have to be incurred before the termination of the current fiscal year, in the District of Keewatin		12,000 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

EXCISE.

230	Preventive Service	2,500 00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

123 To pay Deputy Inspector's expenses incurred in distributing circulars containing information as to the operation of the Act..... $ 2,000 00

INSPECTION OF STAPLES.

232 To pay expenses of Boards of Examiners..... 3,000 00

DOMINION LANDS.

233 To meet expenses for this service :—
Surveying certain Indian Reserves..... 4,000 00
Survey of Public Roads for Icelanders; also of a number of Townships for the Icelandic Colony..... 6,000 00
Probable expenses of a Commission for the settlement of conflicting claims..... 1,500 00
Survey of nine certain roads or leading trails in the Province, pursuant to the Statute 39 Vic., cap. 20..... 1,000 00
12,500 00

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, on *Thursday*, the 26th instant, were reported, and are as follows :—

UNPROVIDED ITEMS OF 1875-76.

234 *Vide* Public Accounts, 1875-76, page 370 :—
Capital..... 73,967 60
Consolidated Fund..... 80,589 67
154,557 27

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM SERVICE.

Dominion Steamers.

235 To provide for extraordinary expenditure incurred for this service..... 15,000 00
Pay for repairs, maintenance and balance due for construction of *Northern Light*..... 16,000 00
31,000 00

LIGHTHOUSES AND COAST SERVICE

236 To provide additional amount required for maintenance, viz. :—amount expended in repairs at Amet Island Breakwater, N.S..... 7,275 00
Replace buildings and fog-whistle at Digby, N.S. (destroyed by fire)..... 5,000 00
Purchase of land at Point Pleasant, Ont..... 750 00
do Isle à la Pierre..... 1,575 00
Cost of building pier at Isle aux Prunes..... 1,000 00
Excess of costs for repairs at St. Paul's Humane Establishment, N.S., over Estimates..... 2,400 00
18,000 00

237 To provide amount required to complete construction of Lighthouses and Fog-Whistles commenced in 1875 and 1876 (Re-vote)..... 39,000 00

FISHERIES.

238 Further amount required for Fisheries Overseers' salaries and disbursements 9,500 00
Further amount required for Fish-breeding..... 8,000 00
17,500 00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Department of the Interior.

239 To provide for the salary of an Inspector of Indian Agencies, &c., with the rank of Chief Clerk of the 2nd grade..... 1,800 00

Department of the Secretary of State.

240 One 1st class Clerk..... 1,400 00
One 3rd do..... 600 00
2,000 00

Department of Agriculture.

241 Private Secretary..... 600 00

LEGISLATION.

242 Expenses of Committees, Extra Sessional Clerks, &c., House of Commons..... 4,500 00
243 Salaries of Officers (additional), and contingencies of Library..... 3,500 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

244 To provide for expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with the Exhibition to be held at Paris $25,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL

Railways.

245 Prince Edward Island Railway, including Stores 42,000 00
246 Pacific Railway Survey 130,000 00
247 Pacific Railway Construction—Pembina Branch Extension 60,000 00

Canals.

248 St. Lawrence Canals and Rapids 20,000 00
249 St. Peter's Canal 49,500 00

CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

Public Buildings.

250 Post Office and Customs House accommodation, St. Johns, P.Q 4,000 00

Harbours and Breakwaters.

251 Campobello, N.B. (Wilson's Beach) 1,000 00
252 St. Peter's Bay, King's Co., P.E.I 5,000 00

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM SERVICE.

253 To provide for Mail Subsidy between Halifax and Cork, if necessary 39,541 67

LIGHT-HOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

254 Towards possible additional construction of light-houses and fog-whistles 30,000 00

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OBSERVATORIES.

255 To aid in the construction of a telegraph line from Matane to Fox River 10,000 00

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

256 Expenses in connection with re-measurement of steamers in inland waters 800 00

INDIANS.

Manitoba Superintendency.

257 To provide for the payment of salaries to certain medical officers within that superintendency 4,000 00

Manitoba and the North-West.

258 To provide for such expenses as may be incurred in prosecuting the survey of Indian Reserves during the year 15,000 00
259 To provide for the purchase of seed grain and implements of husbandry, to be given to bands of Sioux Indians in the neighborhood of the Qu'Appelle Lakes 3,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

260 Miscellaneous printing 2,000 00
261 To provide for the expenditure likely to be incurred in connection with the proposed visit of His Excellency the Governor General to Manitoba 8,000 00
262 Towards paying cost of enquiries respecting disposal of sawdust and mill-rubbish in navigable waters 600 00
263 To meet expenses of Halifax Commission 30,000 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

EXCISE.

264 Preventive Service 2,500 00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

265 To provide for the travelling expenses, rent and salaries of Inspectors, P.E.I 3,100 00
To provide for additional Inspection Divisions 3,000 00
6,100 00

DOMINION LANDS.

266 To provide for further expenditure in this service, viz.:

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Survey of Battleford	3,000 00
Fixing the precise latitude and longitude of some point in the North-West Territory to facilitate systematic extension of surveys	2,500 00
Copies of Maps	1,000 00
Surveying of leading post trail or stage route from Manitoba to Battleford	2,500 00
	$13,000 00

Resolutions 234, 235, 236, 237 and 238 being severally read a second time, were agreed to.

At 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House, until half past seven o'clock, P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

Mr. *Domville* moved, that the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill No. 48 to grant additional powers to the *Albert Railway Company*, be now taken into consideration, and concurred in.

Mr. *Burpee* (Sunbury), moved in amendment, that the consideration of the amendment made to the said Bill, be postponed till this day three months.

Mr. *Gibbs* (S. Ontario), moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after the word "that" in the said amendment be struck out, and the following words substituted:—"the amendment made to the *Albert Railway Bill* be not agreed to;" which was negatived on the following division :—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Bowell, Cameron, Caron, Cuthbert, DeCosmos, Desjardins, Domville, Flesher, Fraser, Gibbs (*Ontario North*), Gibbs (*Ontario South*), Haggart, Killam, Langevin, Macdonald (*Kingston*), Masson, Mitchell, Platt, Plumb, Rochester, Rouleau, Thompson (*Cariboo*), Tupper, Wallace (*Norfolk*).—24.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Appleby, Archibald, Aylmer, Bain, Biggar, Blackburn, Blain, Borron, Bourassa, Bowman, Burk, Burpee (*St. John*), Burpee (*Sunbury*), Cartwright, Casey, Christie, Church, Coffin, Cook, De St. Georges, Dymond, Fleming, Flynn, Forbes, Fréchette, Galbraith, Gibson, Gillies, Goudge, Guthrie, Hagar, Higinbotham, Holton, Horton, Irving, Kerr, Kirk, Laflamme, Macdonald (*Cornwall*), Macdonald (*Toronto*), Macdougall (*Elgin*), Mackenzie, McLeod, McNab, Metcalfe, Mills, Oliver, Paterson, Pickard, Ray, Ross (*Durham*), Ross (*Prince Edward*), Rymal, Sinclair, Smith (*Peel*), Snider, St. Jean, Taschereau, Thompson (*Haldimand*), Trow, Wallace (*Albert*), Workman, Young.—63.

And the question being then put on the proposed amendment; it was agreed to on the following division :----

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby, Archibald, Biggar, Blackburn, Blain, Borron, Bourassa, Burk, Burpee (*St. John*), Burpee (*Sunbury*), Cartwright, Casey, Cauchon, Christie, Church, Coffin, Cook, Dymond, Flynn, Forbes, Fréchette, Galbraith, Gibson, Gillies, Goudge, Guthrie, Hagar, Higinbotham, Holton, Huntington, Irving, Kerr, Laflamme, Macdonald (*Cornwall*), Mackenzie, McLeod, McNab, Mills, Pickard, Ray, Ross (*Prince Edward*), Sinclair, Smith (*Peel*), St. Jean, Taschereau, Thompson (*Haldimand*), Trow.—47.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Bowell,	Fraser,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pope (*Compton*),
Cameron,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Rochester,
Caron,	Haggart,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Rouleau,
DeCosmos,	Killam,	Moffat,	Thompson (*Cariboo*),
Domville,	Langevin,	Plumb,	Tupper.—21.
Flesher,			

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to, on a division.

The House then resumed the consideration of the remaining Resolutions, as reported from the Committee of Supply, on *Thursday*, the 26th instant.

Resolution 239 being read a second time; it was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Appleby,	Christie,	Hagar,	Ray,
Archibald,	Church,	Higinbotham,	Ross (*Prince Edward*),
Biggar,	Coffin,	Huntington,	Sinclair,
Blackburn,	Cook,	Irving,	Smith (*Peel*),
Blain,	Dymond,	Kerr,	Smith (*Selkirk*),
Blake,	Fleming,	Killam,	Smith (*Westmoreland*),
Borron,	Flynn,	Laflamme,	St. Jean,
Bourassa,	Forbes,	Macdonald (*Cornwall*),	Taschereau,
Burk,	Fréchette,	MacKay (*Cape Breton*),	Thompson (*Haldimand*),
Burpee (*St. John*),	Galbraith,	Mackenzie,	Thomson (*Welland*),
Burpee (*Sunbury*),	Gibson,	McLeod,	Vail,
Cartwright,	Gillies,	Mills,	Workman.—50.
Cauchon,	Goudge,		

NAYS:

Messieurs

DeCosmos,	Gibbs (*Ontario North*),	McDonald (*Cape Breton*),	Robitaille,
Dewdney,	Langevin,	Moffat,	Rochester,
Domville,	Lanthier,	Plumb,	Thompson (*Cariboo*)
Flesher,	Macdonald (*Kingston*),	Pope (*Compton*),	Tupper.—16.

Resolution 240 to 262, inclusive, being severally read a second time, were agreed to.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight;

SATURDAY, the 28th April, 1877

Resolution 263 to 266, inclusive, being severally read a second time, were agreed to.

The said Resolutions were then referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1877, the sum of $1,625,395.99 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

2. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1878, the sum of $16,286,576.52 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to,—and the Committee to sit again, *this day*.

Mr. *Cartwright* then introduced a Bill No. 124 for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively, the 30th June, 1877, and the 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service; which was read the first, a second and third time, and passed.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald* it was *Ordered*, That the fee on the Bill No. 48 to grant additional powers to the *Albert Railway Company, be refunded.*

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz :—*
No. 122. Respecting the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.
No. 109. To amend certain Acts respecting duties of Customs and Excise.
No. 123. Respecting the claim of the Dominion on the *Northern Railway Company of Canada.*

Also,—agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments, viz :—*
No. 105. Further to amend the Acts to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbor of Quebec, and "The Pilotage Act of 1873." (On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)
No. 119. To amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures. (On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)
No. 111. Respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the *Provinces* of *Ontario* and *Quebec.* (On motion of Mr. *Mills*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)
No. 112. To provide for the Inspection of *Petroleum.* (On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, the said amendments were taken into consideration, and concurred in.)

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Resolved*, That when The House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock P.M., *this day.*

On motion of Mr. *Dymond* it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue for a statement of the suits and legal matters in which the legal firm of the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, M.P., or any partner of his said firm was instructed by his Department to act on behalf of the Crown, during his tenure of office as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, with the dates of such instructions and of the last action in each case; with statements of the dates of the beginning and conclusion of such suits and legal matters.

The House then adjourned at 1.45 o'clock A.M., until 2 o'clock P.M., *this day.*

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

No. 58.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1877.

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OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1877.

2 o'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers were read.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in the Districts of *Joliette* and *St. Hyacinthe*, for the year, 1876.

Mr. *Mackenzie* presented,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 26th ultimo; for a statement shewing: 1st, the names and salaries or wages of each officer composing the Government staff of the Lachine Canal, for each of the years 1875-6 and 1876-7; 2nd, the amount of contingencies in connection with the said staff for each of these years; 3rd, the dates of appointment of each such officer.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House on the 19th February, last; for a detailed Statement of the expenses during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 in advertising on behalf of the Government or any public service in the public journals of the Dominion, the amount paid each journal respectively, and the purpose for which such money was paid; also the amount paid in subscriptions, for what papers paid and whether such papers were ordered for the use of the Public Departments for circulation in Europe, or otherwise.

Also,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for copies of Returns of all monies paid to *Carpenter & Co.*, together with Orders in Council recommending such payment on account of the Dawson Route Subsidy from 1st January, 1877, to the 31st March, 1877.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 15th February, last; for a Statement giving copies of any agreement, arrangement or correspondence in pursuance of which the officers of the Intercolonial Railway, are insured with the Guarantee Company of Canada, such statement to be accompanied by statement shewing, who of the officers of such Railway have been so insured, the amount of such insurance, the premiums paid in each case, and the amount of insurance paid by the said Guarantee Company on any policy.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 19th February, last; for copies of all papers, correspondence or telegrams relating to, or in connection with Coal alleged to be detained, forfeited or misappropriated and showing by whose authority such Coal was detained, forfeited or misappropriated; and whether such action has been ratified and approved by the Inspector of Government Railways, or by the Government.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 15th February, last; for a Statement shewing the authority under which two dwelling-houses with stables and outbuildings were erected during the past summer, at Moncton for the use of the resident Engineer and Traffic Superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway; the amount authorized to be expended and the amount actually expended, the statement to be accom-

panied by statements shewing in detail all charges made for such works, and the accounts to which such charges have been entered in the books of the railway; such statement to be so made up as to show the following particulars:—

1. The quantity, kind and cost of stone used in the cellars and foundations.
2. Labor and cost of procuring the same.
3. Cost of erecting foundations and cellars.
4. Cost of foundations not used and its subsequent removal.
5. Cost of labor and material, used in constructing drains and of connecting same with main sewer.
6. Amount paid for waterpipes and for laying the same, giving the size and length of such pipes, the cost of tanks, baths, pumps, sinks, closets and fixtures in connection therewith.
7. Cost each of chimnies, grates, stoves, woodwork, plastering, earth embankment and fencing.
8. Cost of Inspection.

The statement shall give the names of places from which the stone was procured, the number of days the trackmen were employed in procuring such stone and the amount charged to the buildings therefor, and the amount allowed or charged for freight on the same.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 15th February, last; for a Statement giving a general description and cost of each of the works of the Intercolonial Railway, not chargeable to ordinary maintenances, which have been constructed during the two years ending 31st December, 1876; by days' labor or private arrangement, giving the name of the Engineer and Inspector under whose immediate supervision the work was done.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 15th February, last; for a Statement shewing (1st) the arrangement made for insuring the Employees of the Intercolonial Railway against accidents (2nd) the monthly deductions made from the wages or salaries of such Employees on account of said insurance from the time the Government undertook the risks up to 31st December last, and (3rd) the particulars of all amounts paid out of the Railway on account of such insurance.

Also,—Return *(in part)* to the Order of The House, on the 21st February, last; for a Return of both the inside and Outside Divisions of the Civil Service by Departments shewing:—

A.—1st. Number of Employés in each division and in the whole service, arranged according to classes in both Divisions where practicable or according to grades of Office in outside service where no other classification has been established, giving the number in each class or grade.

2nd. Total salary paid in each division and in the whole service during financial year, shewing also,—

(*a*)—Total paid in each class or grade during current year.

(*b*)—Maximum, minimum and average salaries payable in each class or grade, with statement of annual increments or bonuses allowed, and hours of work.

3rd. Maximum, minimum and average age of Employés in each class or grade of both divisions; shewing also,—

(*a*)—Number of Employés in each class or grade.

Over 18 and under 20 years of age.
" 20 " 25 "
" 25 " 30 "
" 30 " 40 "
" 40 " 50 "
" 50 " 60 "
" 60 " 70 "

(*b*)—Average age of Employés at time of appointment in each class or grade of both divisions, and in whole service.

(*c*)—Average age of retirement from service since Confederation.

B.—1st. Number in each class or grade and total who entered service before the establishment of Civil Service examinations.

2nd. Number appointed to each class or grade in both divisions in each year since Confederation, and totals for the whole period by classes and Departments, and in whole service.

(*a*)—As possessing special qualifications, but who were submitted to no general or special examination to test such qualifications.

(*b*)—Not on the ground of special qualifications but who were submitted to no general or special examination.

(*c*)—After undergoing a general or special examination noting which class of examination has been submitted to, and distinguishing the number who passed from the number who failed to pass but were nevertheless appointed or continued in appointments, and also the number examined and rejected.

(*d*)—Number of Cases in which examination preceded appointment and *vice versa*.

C.—1st. Regulations respecting ordinary and special examinations and appointments made under the system of examinations.

2nd. Such other regulations for the management of the service as are not established by Statute.

3rd. Copies of questions used at last general and special examinations, prior to 1st January, 1877; with Statement of what degree of proficiency was required of candidates.

4th. List of successful candidates, shewing percentage of marks obtained.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 15th February, last; for a Statement giving full particulars of all expenditure made in constructing restaurant, enlarging the store-house, erecting freight-house, altering and improving the station house, constructing sidings, erecting coal sheds and trestle works, constructing platforms, ballasting tracks and grading the yard, and other such work done in the Railway station yard at Moncton during the year 1876.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 15th February, last; for a Statement giving a full account of all charges made and expenses incurred for changing the guage of the Intercolonial Railway, and shewing how the expenditure is classified in the Railway Accounts.

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 5th ultimo; for the names of persons appointed to office between the 1st of January and the 7th of November 1873, the names of the officials whose salaries were increased during the same period; the names of those so appointed whose appointments were cancelled subsequent to the 7th of November. A statement shewing whether the positions which were filled up by those whose appointments were cancelled have remained unfilled or have been since filled up—and if so when and by whom—and whether the salaries of those officials which were increased during the period named have been since reduced or increased, and shewing the reduction or increase in each office respectively,

Also,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 11th instant; for a copy of the Engineer's Report of the Bonnechère and other possible route of the Canada Central Extension.

And,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 12th ultimo; for copies of all Petitions and correspondence, respecting the grant by the Dominion Government of a sum of money, to assist in the construction of the Railway, from Quebec to Lake St. John.

Mr. *Mills* laid before The House,—Report of Progress of the Geological Survey of Canada, by *Alfred R. C. Selwyn, F.R.S., F.G.S., Director*, for the year 1875-76.

He also presented,—Return to the Order of The House, of the 28th instant. for a statement of the suits and legal matters in which the legal firm of the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, M.P., or any partner of his said firm was instructed by his Department to act on behalf of the Crown, during his tenure of office as Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada, with the dates of such instructions and of the last action in each case; with statements of the dates of the beginning and conclusion of such suits and legal matters.

Mr. *Huntington* presented Supplementary Return to Address of the 7th ultimo, for copies of all papers or correspondence, if any, in regard to placing the Dominion of Canada in as favourable a position as any Foreign Country, under the provisions of the Postal Union made at "Berne" on the 9th October, 1874.

And,—Return to the Order of The House, on the 16th instant; 1st. For copies of all correspondence respecting the appointment of Mr. *Benjamin Lajacé* as Postmaster of Jonquières, in the County of Chicoutimi;—2nd. Copies of the latest tenders for the conveyance of the Mails between Chicoutimi and Jonquières; 3rd. Return showing to whom the contract for the said conveyance of the Mails was granted.

Mr. *Mackenzie* delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, copy of a Despatch, dated 1st September, 1876, from H. M. Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the *North American Boundary Commission;* together with a record of the proceedings, at the meeting held by the Commissioners, on the 29th of May, last.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 28th April, 1877.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 124 for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively, the 30th June, 1877, and the 30th June, 1878, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service; *without amendment.*

Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Select Committee on Privileges and Elections under the Order of The House, made on the ninth day of April instant:—"That the attention of this House having been called to the Reports, Returns, and Vouchers laid upon the Table, touching the payment of public monies to the *Hon. T. W. Anglin*, Member for the Electoral District of *Gloucester*, for Printing and Stationery for the Post Office Department, the said papers be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, and they be directed to enquire into the facts, to search for precedents, and to report the result of their enquiries; and whether the said *Hon T. W. Anglin* has vacated his seat;"

Have the honor to report unanimously, as follows:—That at the first meeting of the Committee they directed that notice of their next meeting be given to the *Hon. T. W. Anglin;*

That on the 14th day of April, instant, The House made a further Order that it was desirable that any witness to be examined by the Committee in relation to the matters in the Order first above mentioned, *should be examined on oath;*

That the said Hon. *T. W. Anglin* appeared before the Committee and made a statement under oath, and submitted himself for cross-examination and was so examined;

That subsequently the Committee examined The Honourable *D. A. Macdonald*, late Post Master General and now Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Mr. *William H. Griffin*, the Deputy of the Post Master General, and examined papers and documents relating to the facts, and searched for precedents;

That it appears from the evidence before the Committee that the Hon. *T. W. Anglin*, since he has been elected a Member for this House, has fulfilled various Orders given by Public Officers for the insertion in his newspaper, the *St. John's Freeman*, of advertisements in connection with the Public Service, and various Orders given by the Post Office Inspector, under the instructions of the Post Master General, for the printing of forms required for the Post Office Department, and has received public monies for such advertisements and printing;

That it appears from *Mr. Anglin's* evidence that his action was taken under the *bonâ fide* belief, founded on the precedent and practice hereinafter stated, that he was not thereby holding, enjoying, undertaking or executing any contract or agreement within the Second Section of the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 35, for securing the *Independence of Parliament*;

That in the year 1864 an Election Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the late Province of Canada, found that the publication by the Member for *Russell* of advertisements for the public service, paid for with the public monies, did not create a contract within the meaning of the Provincial Act, the provisions of which are, so far as is material, as follows:—No person whosoever holding or enjoying, undertaking or executing, * * * * any contract or agreement with Her Majesty, or with any Public Officer or Department with respect to the Public Service of the Province, or under which any public money of the Province is to be paid for any service, work, matter or thing, shall be eligible as a Member, &c:

That in giving their decision the Committee used the following language:—"The performance of a "particular work undoubtedly raises an implied contract to pay the value of such work. In that case, an "undertaking may be said to have arisen, and the money was no doubt paid directly either to the sitting "Member or his Agent.

"It is to be remembered, however, that the Statute is a disabling and penal one, and must be strictly "interpreted. The word 'contract' is accordingly to be taken in its more restricted meaning. There "must be, in our opinion, a distinct covenant, or a subsisting and continuous agreement, assented to by "both parties, and having the character of mutuality. The words themselves may be said in some sense "to bear out this view, for it is required to be *held or enjoyed, undertaken or executed.*"

That it appears from the evidence taken by the Committee, and from the Public Accounts of the Dominion, and Returns laid before Parliament, that between 1867 and 1873 numerous Orders given by Public Officers for the insertion of advertisements connected with the Public Service were fulfilled, and various sums of public monies were in respect thereof received by several persons then being Members of Parliament; and that although these practices were notorious, it was never alleged in Parliament that the Member concerned therein had entered into disqualifying contracts, but they held their seats unchallenged through two Parliaments;

The Committee are of opinion that in point of Law the same principle must govern the case referred to them, and the cases of the *Russell Election* and the said other Members;

The Committee are, however, of opinion that the said precedent and practice are erroneous, and that according to the true construction of the *Act for securing the Independence of Parliament*, the transactions in question did constitute disqualifying contracts;

And therefore find: That the *Hon. Timothy Warren Anglin*, Member for the Electoral District of the County of *Gloucester*, after his Election for the said Electoral District, became a party to a contract or agreement with the Postmaster General of Canada with respect to the Public Service of Canada, and under which public money of Canada has been paid for certain service and work, and that his Election thereby became void;

The investigations of the Committee have led them to the conclusion that the *Act for securing the Independence of Parliament* requires careful revision and amendment.

The Committee herewith respectfully transmit a copy of the evidence of the witnesses examined by them, and report the same for the information of The House.

(*For the evidence accompanying this Report, see Appendix to the Journals No.* 8.)

Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, also presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

That in view of the announcement to the House, on the 26th instant, that it is the intention to prorogue Parliament on the 28th instant, thinking it impossible to conclude any one of the matters referred to them, other than that contained in the Order of The House of the 9th of April, instant, deem it inexpedient to proceed to the consideration of such other matters which have been referred to them.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with The House, went to the Senate Chamber;—when His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz:—

An Act to amend the Act respecting Larceny and other similar offences.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Salaries of certain Judges.

An Act to make provision for improvements in Prison Discipline.

An Act to make better provision respecting the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada and for the maintenance of the Museum in connection therewith.

An Act to extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island, certain Criminal Laws now in force in other Provinces of Canada.

An Act to extend the provisions of section fifty-six of the Act thirty-four Victoria, chapter five, intituled, "An Act relating to Banks and Banking" to the Bank of British North America.

An Act to authorize the Union Forwarding and Railway Company to reduce its paid-up capital.

An Act respecting the Canada Southern Bridge Company.

An Act to change the name of the Saint Francis and Megantic International Railway Company, to the "International Railway Company," and for other purposes respecting the same.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate "The *Globe* Printing Company."

An Act concerning the Ottawa, Vaudreuil and Montreal Railway Company.

An Act respecting the transfer of Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario, and to amend "The Penitentiary Act of 1875,"

An Act further to amend the Act to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

An Act respecting "La Banque Jacques Cartier."

An Act to authorize and provide for the winding-up of the Metropolitan Bank.

An Act respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company.

An Act respecting Procedure and Evidence in Criminal Cases,

An Act to amend the Act respecting Offences against the Person.

An Act to amend the Act to make further provision in regard to the Supreme and Exchequer Courts.

An Act to incorporate the "Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association."

An Act to authorize the "Royal Canadian Insurance Company" to reduce its Capital Stock; and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate "The Ottawa Agricultural Insurance Company."

An Act to provide for the safe custody of prisoners in places where the Common Gaols become temporarily insecure.

An Act to amend "The Railway Act, 1868."

An Act to extend the Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs to the Provinces of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

An Act to incorporate the Union Marine Insurance Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

An Act to amend the Act for the suppression of Gaming Houses.

An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the Canada Atlantic Cable Company.

An Act to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company.

An Act for the Prevention of Gambling Practices in certain Public Conveyances.

An Act respecting the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba.

An Act to make provision for the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

An Act to amend the Act relating to the Inspection of Steamboats.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the "Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry" of Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Union Atlantic Cable Company.

An Act to authorize the Town of Kincardine, in the County of Bruce, to impose and collect certain Tolls at the Harbour in the said town.

An Act to amend the "Coteau and Province Line Railway and Bridge Act.'

An Act to remove doubts as to the right to vote of Shareholders in certain Banks.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited).

An Act to amend "An Act to impose License Duties on Compounders of Spirits, to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs."

An Act to authorize the transfer of the Truro and Pictou Branch of the Intercolonial Railway to the person or company constructing a line of railway from New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso, and providing a proper ferry across the Strait.

An Act to provide for the employment without the walls of Common Gaols of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment therein.

An Act to make further provision for the payment of the Active Militia when called out in certain cases in aid of the civil power.

An Act to amend the law respecting appeals from convictions before or Orders by Justices of the Peace.

An Act to amend the "Act respecting the Canadian Engine and Machinery Company."

An Act respecting the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insuranee Company.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Bridge Company of Rivière du Loup, in the County of Maskinongé.

An Act respecting Tolls in the Harbour of Montreal.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the National Investment Company of Canada (Limited).

An Act to make provision against the improper use of Firearms.

An Act to repeal certain laws making Breaches of Contract of service criminal, and to provide for the punishment of certain Breaches of Contract.

An Act to transfer the management of certain Harbours, Piers and Breakwaters from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

An Act to amend the Post Office Act, 1875.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Culling and Measuring of Timber.

An Act to provide for the payment of travelling allowances to the District or County Court Judges in the Province of British Columbia.

An Act respecting the Measurement of Steam Ships registered under the repealed Act of the late Province of Canada.

An Act to amend an "Act respecting the Inland Revenue."

An Act to amend and consolidate certain Acts respecting Insurance.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Union Life and Accident Insurance Company of Canada, and to change the name thereof to the "Union Assurance Company of Canada."

An Act respecting the Great Seals of the Provinces of Canada, other than Ontario and Quebec.

An Act to amend the Act intituled: "An Act to incorporate the London and Ontario Investment Company (Limited)."

An Act to incorporate the Pickering Harbour Company (Limited) and to authorize it to collect tolls.

An Act to establish a Court of Maritime Jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the Act amending the same.

An Act to amend the Act thirty-seventh *Victoria*, chapter fifty, respecting Permanent Building Societies in Ontario.

An Act to incorporate "La Société de Construction de St. Jacques" as a Permanent Building Society, and for other purposes.

An Act to incorporate "The Canadian Securities Company (Limited)."

An Act to amend the "Act to make further provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies carrying on business in the Province of Ontario."

An Act to amend the Act incorporating "The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited)."

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs.

An Act for the repression of Betting and Pool Selling.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies by Letters Patent.

An Act to amend certain Acts respecting duties of Customs and Excise.

An Act respecting the claim of the Dominion on the Northern Railway Company of Canada.

An Act respecting the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.

An Act to incorporate "The Dominion Building Society" under the name of "The Dominion Mortgage Loan Company."

An Act respecting the Northern Railway of Canada.

An Act to amend the North West Territories Act, 1875.

An Act to amend the Pilotage Act of 1875.

An Act to make further provision respecting the constituting and management of Building Societies in the Province of Quebec.

An Act further to amend the Acts to provide for the management of the Harbour of Quebec and "The "Pilotage Act of 1873."

An Act respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

An Act to provide for the Inspection of Petroleum.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Weights and Measures.

The Speaker of the House of Commons then said:—

May it Please Your Excellency,—

The Commons of Canada have voted the Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a Bill intituled: "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1877, and 30th of June, 1878, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service," to which I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to reserve the following Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:

An Act for the relief of Mary Jane Bates.

An Act for the relief of Walter Scott.

An Act for the relief of Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell.

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to address the two Houses in the following Speech:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from further attendance in Parliament, I beg to convey to you my thanks for the diligence with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your duties.

Among the numerous measures you have passed, are several of considerable public importance.

The improved provision for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies will, I trust, tend to the establishment of such companies under the operation of sound general rules, rather than by special and exceptional legislation.

The law as to Insurance Companies will add to the existing securities of Canadian insurers.

The alteration of the duties on petroleum will confer a great boon to the masses of the population.

The vast shipping interests of our great inland seas will be benefitted by the extension to the trade on those waters of rights and remedies the utility of which has been recognized by long experience.

The law providing for the extradition of fugitive criminals will enable Canada to discharge efficiently her part of the engagements of the Empire in this important particular.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In Her Majesty's name, I thank you for the Supplies you have so cheerfully voted. I will take care that they are expended with due regard to economy.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The Commissioners to be named under the Treaty of Washington having been at length appointed, the Commission will shortly be organized at Halifax. I have taken steps to ensure a full and fair presentation of the case of Canada. I trust the negociations may realize all our expectations.

I have now only to give expression to my earnest hope that on your return to your several homes you may meet with evidences of growing prosperity, and that before you are again called upon to meet together in your representative capacity the passing cloud on our Trade and Commerce will have disappeared.

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was the prorogued to Thursday, then 7th June, next.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker.

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