

inst. to answer for his return, and that Mr. Cockburn be declared elected, which motion was passed without opposition and Mr. Cockburn took his seat.

March 11.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just called upon Hon. Mr. Campbell for explanations respecting changes in the Ministry since last session, which were given.

COMMONS.—Reply to the Address moved by Mr. Tobin (Nova Scotia) seconded by Mr. Palmer (St. John, N. B.). Mr. Mackenzie announced the Opposition would not oppose the passing of the Address. Sir Francis Hincks gave personal explanations of the reasons for his retirement from office. The reply to the Address was adopted and passed and ordered to be presented.

12th.—COMMONS.—A number of Bills were introduced and motions made. The House adjourned at 4 p. m.

13th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Aikins introduced a Bill for management of Indian Lands in Manitoba; and one respecting office of Secretary of State for the Provinces. Hon. Mr. Botsford moved for an Address to His Excellency for an investigation into the management of European and N. Am. Railway between St. John and Halifax. After some discussion the motion passed.

COMMONS.—The S. Renfrew election case was brought up by Mr. Blake, who alleged that great frauds had been perpetrated, and moved it be referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections. Hon. J. H. Cameron moved that the petition be rejected on the ground that no security had been given for expenses, and that 14 days had not elapsed since the striking of the Committee. Mr. Blake altered his motion to meet these views and it was carried.

14th.—SENATE.—Complaints were made by several Senators of the delay in the issuing of the Statutes. Hon. Mr. Simpson explained the difficulties under which the contractor had laboured, for which the Government were in no way responsible.

COMMONS.—Hon. Mr. Mitchell moved resolutions to amend the Acts relating to the Port Wardens of Quebec and Montreal. Great difficulty had arisen from the overloading of vessels, especially those sailing from Montreal and Quebec to Europe. The Bill he proposed was intended to provide for stricter supervision, and to increase the penalty. The resolutions were carried and a Bill introduced. Hon. Mr. Mitchell also moved resolutions to make better provision for keeping good order on board passenger steamers registered in Canada; which was also carried and Bill introduced.

17th.—SENATE.—A number of petitions were presented in favor of Prohibitory Liquor Law. There was some discussion respecting the title of the Lieutenant Governors of the Provinces, and Hon. Mr. Campbell explained that "His Honor" was the proper title.

COMMONS.—Mr. A. P. Dodge made a personal explanation with regard to some statements made respecting him in the *Toronto Globe*, declaring them untrue, and was followed by Mr. Edgar and other members, and after a little discussion the matter was dropped.

March 18th.—SENATE.—Some discussion was held on the Welland Canal route and reports of the Engineers.

COMMONS.—Hon. Mr. Tilley moved some Banking resolutions, obliging banks to declare that at no time during the month had the reserves been less than demanded by

the law, which was referred to the Committee on Banking. The report of the Committee on West Peterboro Election case was presented, recommending the House to leave the case to be disposed of under the Parliamentary Controverted Elections Act. Mr. Huntington moved that the report be not concurred in, but that John Bartram Esq., be declared as elected, and be allowed to take his seat, which motion was negatived by a majority of 25.

19th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Ryan made inquiries respecting the Copy rights Act. Hon. Mr. Campbell explained Her Majesty's pleasure regarding it, had not yet been made known. An Act was introduced to make further provision for the Government of the N. W. Territories.

COMMONS.—A Select Committee was moved by Mr. Cartwright to consider the best and most direct route between the Dominion and Europe, which was seconded by Hon. Mr. Anglin, and a Committee appointed. Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced resolutions to make provision for the collection of demands against vessels navigating inland waters of Canada. Mr. Holton disapproved the Bill as burdensome to trade, but would reserve discussion till second reading.

20th.—SENATE.—2nd reading of Manitoba Lands Bill to collect evidence by which titles may be settled. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

COMMONS.—Some discussion arose as to the certificates of deposit on election petitions. The Speaker ruled that the fact of a deposit having been legally made could be inquired into upon objecting to the petition before him. Some discussion arose upon the P. E. Island negotiations, the opposition demanding the immediate publication of the terms agreed upon by the Commissioners and Sir John A. Macdonald contenting such a course would embarrass the I. E. Island Government.

21st.—SENATE.—2nd reading of Department of the Interior Bill. Secretary of State to have charge of all correspondence, Queen's Printers, Registry and Stationery. Minister of the Interior to have charge of the Dominion Lands, Geological Staff, Indian Affairs &c.

COMMONS.—Discussion on Centre Toronto Election petition. Mr. Edgar moved that it may not be received as this was 15th day of Session. Speaker reserved decision until the 24th inst. Mr. Tilley introduced resolutions to amend Saving Banks Act in Ontario and Quebec. Mr. Holton thought the changes too sweeping. Mr. Mitchell introduced a Bill to make better provision for the carriage of Goods of a dangerous character. Mr. Mackenzie objected to the provisions regarding petroleum. Mr. Mitchell introduced Bill to abolish Trinity House of Montreal, transferring the power and property to the Harbour Commissioners. Mr. Holton wished the Bill to be also extended to Quebec. Mr. Ryan pointed out that the Quebec Board of Trade had not asked for the improvement. Sir John Macdonald introduced Bill respecting Parliamentary Elections. After some remarks by Mr. Mackenzie, the Bill was read a first time. A number of Bills were read a second time and the House adjourned.

24th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Christie moved for all correspondence respecting the Canada Pacific Railway Charter. Hon. Mr. Campbell explained that some of the information asked for was not in the posses-