

Chap. 100.—Incorporates the Trustees of Minudie Cemetery.

Chap. 101.—Incorporates the Cross Roads Salmon River Cemetery, Co. Colchester: may hold real estate worth \$2,000.

Chap. 102.—Incorporates the Trustees of the Baptist and Wesleyan Burial Ground, Bridgetown.

Chap. 103.—Authorizes the sale of trust property at Minudie, Cumberland Co., left by Amos Seaman.

Parliamentary Summary.

1873—Oct. 23.—Second session, second Dominion Parliament. Speech from the throne stated Parliament had been summoned at earliest possible period after reception of report of Commissioners on Pacific Railway matter. Report to be laid before Parliament for their consideration. Representation Bill to be submitted. Canada Pacific Company had surrendered their charter. Measure to be submitted for building railway. Several bills to be submitted. Court of Appeal, Inspection, Insolvency, &c. The Finances prosperous. Estimates prepared with due economy.

In House of Commons despatches were laid on the table by Right Hon. Sir J. A. Macdonald, and adjournment carried till Monday, the 27th, to give time for members to peruse them. Sir John presented message from His Excellency, with report of Royal Commission, and House adjourned.

Oct. 27th.—Senate—Hon. Mr. Alexander moved address in reply to speech from throne. Spoke of the material prosperity of the country and the general content of the people. Hon. Mr. Montgomery, P. E. I., seconded the motion. A debate ensued on the topics of the speech and the "Pacific Scandal." The address was adopted, and the House adjourned.

House.—The answer to the address was moved by Mr. Witton, of Hamilton, Ont., seconded by Mr. Baby. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved in amendment that it be added to the address, that "His Excellency be acquainted that by the course of the investigation of the charges made by Hon. Mr. Huntington, and the facts thus disclosed to the House, it appears to the House that His Excellency's advisers have merited its severe censure." A very long protracted and exhausting debate followed, continuing until November 5th, when Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald informed the House that the Ministry had resigned, and Hon. Mr. Mackenzie had been called upon by His Excellency to form a new Administration. A similar notice was given in the Senate by Hon. Mr. Campbell, and the House adjourned.

Nov. 7th.—Notice of the formation of a new Ministry with the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie at its head was given in the Senate by Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just, and in the Commons by Hon. Mr. Holton. At four o'clock the Parliament was prorogued by the Governor General.

1874.—March 26th.—Parliament met. Governor General came down in State, and members being assembled in Senate Chamber, Commons were called in and directed to proceed to election of a Speaker. On the return of Commons to their chamber, Hon. A. Mackenzie nominated Hon. T. W. Anglin as Speaker. Hon. A. A.

Dorion seconded the nomination, which was unanimously adopted. Mr. Anglin being conducted to the chair, thanked the House, and promised his utmost endeavors to discharge his duties efficiently and impartially. On motion for adjournment by Hon. A. Mackenzie, Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald congratulated the new Speaker, but regretted that the hon. member for Chateauguay whose experience and study of Parliamentary law were known to be so pre-eminently extensive, had not been chosen. Hon. Mr. Holton thanked the Hon. Baronet for the flattering terms in which he had spoken, but disclaimed any desire to occupy the position of Speaker, and the House adjourned.

March 27th.—At three o'clock His Excellency again came down in State to the Senate Chamber, and the Commons being summoned, he delivered the speech, announcing that Parliament had been convoked as early as possible after the election; measures regarding representation, ballot, court of appeals, controverted elections, militia and insolvency would be submitted. Steps for the prosecution of the Canada Pacific Railway would require to be taken. Canal and harbor improvements were being vigorously prosecuted. Report on Baie Verte Canal would be submitted. Another year would be required to complete the Intercolonial Railway. A measure to be introduced to vest it in Public Works Department instead of Commissioners. Reciprocity Treaty was being negotiated. Receipts of last year not sufficient for expenditure. Estimates have been prepared as economically as possible for efficiency. Immigration efforts had been reasonably successful. Country generally prosperous. On return of Commons to their House, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved to take the speech into consideration on Monday, the 30th, and the House adjourned.

March, 30th.—SENATE.—Address in answer to speech, moved by Hon. Mr. Penny seconded by Hon. Mr. Panet. The Address was carried and Senate adjourned.

In the House, after some routine business the answer to speech was moved by Mr. Mos. Mr. Laurier seconded the resolution praising the French Canadian Liberals and asserting their loyalty; and going over the principal topics of the speech with approval. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald complimented the mover and second on the ability they had displayed; and was rejoiced to hear them speak so warmly in favour of a permanent connection with the Mother Country. He said that he had no intention of offering any amendment. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie briefly replied. Hon. Mr. Massou and other members made some remarks. Hon. Mr. Dorion replied, and after some further discussion