

the address was passed. Mr. Mackenzie Bowell, called the attention of the House to a question of privilege. Mr. Riel had been elected for Provencier, Manitoba, and had signed his name on the list of members. He was a fugitive from justice. He moved for returns of that election and for the summoning Atty. Genl. Clarke of Manitoba, before the House, with reference to the indictment before the Grand Jury of Louis Riel. The motion was carried and the House adjourned.

March 31st.—SENATE.—Routine business. Tributes of respect paid to memory of Senators, who had died during the year, and the House adjourned.

COMMONS.—Papers relating to Provencier election, read. Petitions presented, committee of Ways and Means appointed. Returns moved for. Hon. H. J. Clarke appeared at the Bar of the House, and was questioned relative to the Riel indictment. Mr. Oumet moved the examination be postponed till the next day, which was carried. Mr. Bowell moved, seconded by Dr. Schultz, that Louis Riel be ordered to attend the House tomorrow, which was carried. The Trade and Navigation Returns were laid on the table. In answer to some questions regarding the recess, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie said the Govt. would endeavour to ascertain the wishes of the House and the House adjourned.

April 1.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Campbell moved for papers in connection with the establishment of American traders in the North West Territory, and other outrages committed by American citizens, which was carried. Hon. Mr. Campbell made some enquiries respecting Steamship subsidies. Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just said that when the contract with Gulf Ports line terminated, the Government would renew it, but give a less subsidy; as to the lines on the Upper Lakes, the Government would be guided by the tenders for carrying mails. On the adjournment for the holidays after some discussion, it was agreed to adjourn until the 8th, at 7 o'clock.

COMMONS.—Before routine proceedings, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved that when the House adjourned, it should be until half-past seven on the night of the 7th. Several questions were put relative to British Columbia matters, and answered by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie. A motion was made by Mr. Chisholm, that the Speaker issue an order to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within the precincts of the House. After a good deal of discussion, the motion was carried. Various returns and papers were moved for. Mr. D. A. Smith moved for a committee of nine to enquire into the North West troubles, especially with respect to the question of amnesty.

April 7.—COMMONS.—Hon. Mr. Dorion brought down the Ballot Bill, which was read a first time. Hon. Mr. Fournier introduced a bill to amend the Controverted Elections Act. In answer to Mr. Palmer, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie said it was not the intention of the Government to apply at present for any amnesty for offences committed in the North West.

April 8.—COMMONS.—Message in reply to the address. On motion of Mr. Bunster, a select committee was granted to inquire into the present tariff as affecting agriculture and commerce of British Columbia. On motion of Mr. Pate's son, a committee was granted to inquire into the affairs of the Six Nation Indians. On the order of

the day being called, Hon. Mr. Cartwright gave notice that he had not been able to get a revised copy of the estimates yet, and should have to postpone his budget speech till the following week.

April 9.—SENATE.—Large number of petitions were presented for a prohibitory liquor law. Some notices of motion were given and committees appointed.

COMMONS.—Governor General sent down the estimates by Hon. Mr. Cartwright. Mr. Orton moved for a select committee for enquiring into the best measures for promoting prosperity of agricultural interests. Carried. A number of returns and reports were moved for. Mr. Dymond moved for return of capital convictions and acquittals, pardons, &c., since July, 1867. He wished to obtain information to furnish basis for a bill to abolish capital punishment. The examination of Attorney General Clarke was proceeded with. On his withdrawal, the order for the attendance of Louis Riel was read. The policemen stated they had not been able to find him, and Hon. Mr. Mackenzie declining to act in the matter, Mr. Bowell gave notice of motion for expulsion on Monday night.

April 10.—SENATE.—The House sat for an hour with closed doors. Afterwards Hon. Mr. Penny moved for papers in connection with complaints against the late collector of customs, Montreal, which was granted.

COMMONS.—Bill for repealing usury laws was introduced by Mr. Palmer. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved for leave to introduce a bill to amend the Intercolonial Act. The object was to take the entire control of finishing the road into the hands of the Government. The motion was carried. Hon. Mr. Cartwright moved the house into committee of supply, and gave notice that he would make his financial statement on Tuesday. House went into committee on Mr. Kirkpatrick's resolutions to make further provision for collecting demands against vessels navigating inland waters of Canada.

13.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Alexander moved petition to His Excellency to take steps to extend extradition treaty to fugitive debtors owing above \$2,000. Hon. Mr. Miller opposed the motion, as did several other members as being altogether impracticable, and it was withdrawn. A number of notices of motion were given and inquiries made and the House adjourned.

COMMONS.—Some discussion arose on the Nova Scotia Subsidy question, doubts having been expressed as to the effect of the Act of last session. An amendment to the Act was decided to be necessary. Mr. Mills moved the House into Committee of the whole to consider a resolution declaring the constitution of the Senate defective, and that the power of appointing their own Senators should be conferred upon each Province, as well as deferring the mode of their appointment. A long discussion followed the introduction of the resolution, and the Committee rose, and asked leave to sit again. On motion of Mr. McDougall (South Renfrew) a select committee was appointed to enquire into the state of Supervisors of Culiers office, Quebec.

14.—SENATE.—The day was principally occupied with printing reports, and some discussion on the best method of obtaining official reports of the debates. Some inquiries were made concerning Mr. Edgar's mission to B. Columbia, which Hon. Mr.