

COMMONS—Some Bills respecting railways were introduced, and Hon. Mr. Mackenzie moved his N. West Amnesty resolutions. In a very long speech he recapitulated the evidence on this question, contending that amnesty had been virtually promised by the late ministry, and moving an address to His Excellency in this sense asking for amnesty for all concerned in N. West troubles but Riel, Lepine, and O'Donohue and a like amnesty to them on 5 years banishment. Mr John A. MacDonald replied in a very long review of the whole subject showing the various difficulties with which the late Government had been obliged to contend, and taking the ground the question was one to be settled by the Imperial not Dominion Government. Hon. Mr. B'ake followed in reply to Sir John, and the House adjourned at 3 a.m.

February 12th—**SENATE**.—Several messages with papers from Gov. Genl. and Copy Right Bill introduced.

COMMONS.—Estimates were presented.—Amnesty debate resumed by Mr. Wallace, followed by Mr. Devlin and Mr. Gordon. After recess, Mr. Mousseau moved an amendment for full amnesty. A number of other members spoke when the amendment was negatived by a vote of 23 to 12. Another amendment was put and lost and the original motion carried on a vote of 126 to 50 and the House adjourned at 2.40 a.m.

February 15th—**SENATE**.—Hon. Mr. Fabre was in reduced and took the oaths.

COMMONS.—Bill introduced by Mr Mackenzie for better protection of life and property on railways. Several other bills were introduced without discussion. The expulsion of Riel was moved by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie. A debate on juvenile military education took place on a motion of Dr. Brown respecting the present system of Military Drill. The motion was finally withdrawn.

February 16th.—**COMMONS**.—Budget Speech. Total revenue of financial year, \$74,000,000. Expenditure, \$31,316,000. Estimated expenditure for 74-75, \$21,857,438. Estimated receipts \$25,250,000. Hon. Dr. Tupper made a long speech in review of the Finance Min. statement, to which the Min. replied, and was followed by Mr. Domville, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Hon. Mr. Mitchell and some others, and the House went into Committee of Supply and passed some items.

February 17th—**SENATE**.—Address for papers relating to Georgian Bay branch of Pacific Railway.

COMMONS.—The question of the B. C. and Alaskan boundary was discussed and an address moved to call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to the subject. Mr. Young moved for the establishment of a Board of Statistics but withdrew his motion on the assurance of the Premier, the subject was under consideration by the Government. The subject of U. S. regulations respecting Canadian shipping on Lake Michigan was discussed and a motion adopted for correspondence, &c. The Canadian Fisheries question was brought up upon a motion of Mr Mills for correspondence.

18th February—**SENATE**.—Bill for divorce of H. W. Peterson, read first time, and 1st March fixed for hearing testimony.

COMMONS.—Mr. Dymond moved for return of Capital Punishment since Confederation with reference to abolition of such punishments. Mr Bunster for survey

of Dom. Lands in B. Columbia, and the establishment of an office for sale of lands to settlers. Mr De Cosmos followed, urging the importance of the subject. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie explained that the lands were not in possession of the Dom. Govt. till the Pacific railway was located. The Survey would be proceeded with as soon as it was in their power. Settlers could go on the lands by pre-emptive right, so that there was no serious hindrance. Steam communication between P. E. Island and Nelson was discussed. Mr. Wallace made a statement relating to charges made against him respecting Pacific Railway Survey Accounts, and the steps taken to prevent his election. Mr. Mackenzie followed refusing a Special Committee, the matter being before the Sub-committee of Public Accounts. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn. The House went again into Committee of Supply and passed a large number of items without debate. On the item of the Civil Service Bonus, several members spoke strongly in favour of its being extended to the outside service.

Friday 19th—**SENATE**.—Bill to amend Act for organization of Sec. of State's Department introduced.

COMMONS.—Insolvency Bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Fournier. 2nd reading of Marine Electric Telegraph Bill. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie went over the history of the question, and the Bill was referred to Rail way Committee. House in Committee of Supply. On the item for Centennial Exhibit some discussion arose, and on the Mennonite Loan quite a long debate, the House generally being in favour. A very large number of items were passed, and the House adjourned.

Friday, 22nd.—**SENATE**.—Debate on Reciprocity Treaty.

COMMONS.—2nd reading Postal Service Amendment Bill. Postage stamps and registration stamps to be prepared and distributed; also stamped envelopes and post cards, and stamped bands or wrappers for newspapers. Postage uniform rate of 3 cents, prepayment compulsory. House went into Committee of Supply and passed a large number of items for the Indian Service and several others.

February 23rd—**SENATE**.—Report of Minister of Agriculture presented. Some bills from Commons read. Adjourned debate on Reciprocity resumed.

COMMONS.—Supreme Court Bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Fournier. Controverted Elections and Militia Amendment Acts read second time and House went into Committee of Supply.

February 24th.—**SENATE**.—Reciprocity debate continued, and after long discussion postponed to the 25th.

COMMONS.—Dominion Notes Act introduced by Hon. Mr. Cartwright. Penitentiaries Bill by Hon. Mr. Fournier. Outlaw of Riel, motion of Mr. Mackenzie. A long debate followed, when the motion was carried by a vote of 141 to 16.

February 25th—**SENATE**.—Reciprocity debate concluded.

COMMONS.—Insolvency Bill read second time and referred to a Select Committee. House in Committee of Supply. A long debate respecting the Agent General, Mr. Jenkins. On the Mennonite Loan, some French Canadian members spoke strongly in favour of extending the grant to French