

Mr. Mackenzie moved that it be reduced to \$3,000 for a further survey before undertaking the work. A very warm discussion followed, but the amendment was finally carried.

March 12th—SENATE.—The Report of Committee in Peterson Divorce case was adopted, and the Bill after rejection of some amendments, read 3d time and passed. A number of Bills were read a first time.

COMMONS.—Bill to amend laws respecting N. W. Territories introduced by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie. Pacific Railway item in Estimates again under consideration. The debate on it was continued until a very late hour.

March 13th—COMMONS.—Pacific Railway debate resumed. An amendment was proposed by Hon. Mr. Tupper, that no time should be lost in commencing the eastern portion of the railway from Lake Nipigon eastward and westward, which was lost on a division of 117 to 48.

March 14th—COMMONS.—Mr. Cahey moved a series of resolutions for Civil Service Reform, making a long and elaborate speech. He was followed by Mr. Palmer and the Premier, and the motion was finally withdrawn. The Prohibitory Liquor Law occupied the remainder of the sitting till 1 a. m.

March 15th—SENATE.—Marine Telegraph Bill reported with amendments and referred to Committee of the Whole.

COMMONS.—2nd reading Supreme Court Bill. Objections were made to several features of the Bill by Mr. Palmer, N.B., Mr. Tascheran, Quebec, and Mr. Mills, Ontario. Mr. Irving also opposed the Bill, which was read a 2nd time and referred to Committee of the Whole. Mr. Moss made a long speech in answer to the pretension that the House had not the constitutional power to constitute such court. Mr. Ross and Mr. Wilkes followed, and the debate was closed by Hon. Mr. J. H. Cameron and Hon. Mr. Fournier and motion carried. The amendments to Supervisors of Cutlers Bill caused discussion, but were passed. A Bill to amend the Civil Service Act introduced by Mr. Cartwright, caused a great deal of discussion, but the resolutions were finally carried and the House adjourned.

March 17th—SENATE.—Marine Telegraph Bill postponed.

COMMONS.—Being St. Patrick's Day the House only sat till six o'clock. The Tea Duty, Quebec Graving Dock, Veterans of 1812 Escumiac Lighthouse, Land Grants to Volunteers and one or two other matters were made subjects of Enquiry of the Govt. The Peterson Divorce Bill from Senate was read a 2nd time on a division of 82 to 71. The P. E. I. Railway and Leases of Water Power on Rideau Canal caused a little discussion. Hon. Mr. Masson made a motion relating to the eastern connection with Pacific Railway asking that the wishes of the Quebec Legislature might be carried out. The discussion on this occupied the remainder of the sitting.

March 18th—SENATE.—The most important part of the sitting was on the Marine Telegraph amendments, 11 clauses were adopted.

COMMONS.—The "Lobster Can Duty" in U. S. occupied the first part of the sitting, members on all sides of the House protesting against the violation of the Treaty. Controversial Elections Bill discussed in

Committee of the Whole. An amendment moved by Mr. Laflamme was carried, and the Bill was reported. On the 2nd reading of Copyright Bill, Mr. Dymond objected that the Bill did not go far enough. Mr. Mackenzie explained that the Bill was a compromise and it was read 2nd and 3rd time and passed. On 2nd reading of Civil Service Superannuation Act, one or two amendments were suggested and adopted and the Bill passed. On 3rd reading of Insurance Bill, Mr. Oliver moved in amendment that Canadian Cos. be obliged to deposit the same amount as Foreign Cos. The amendment was lost on a division and the Bill passed. On 2nd reading of Northern Railway Bill, Mr. Masson and Mr. Wood opposed the Bill as did several other members, and the 2nd reading was carried on a division.

March 19th—SENATE.—The remainder of amendments to Marine Telegraph Bill were concurred in. Amendments to Copyright Act by Commons read and referred to Committee.

COMMONS.—Esquimaux and Nanaimo Railway Bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie. Nova Scotia Judges' Salaries Bill referred back to Committee of the Whole for amendments, and was reported and read 2nd time. 3rd reading of Northern Railway Bill, Mr. McCallum moved the "six months hold" which was negatived and the Bill passed. Controversial Elections Act in Committee of the Whole, Hon. Mr. Cameron moved several amendments which after discussion were accepted.

March 20th—SENATE.—Marine Telegraph Bill, several amendments were discussed and negatived, and the Bill was finally passed. A protest being entered on the Journals signed by 17 Senators.

COMMONS.—Questions of Order and Privilege first came up; the House then went into Committee of the Whole on Insolvency Bill. Two amendments to the first clause were moved but negatived and the first clause was carried at midnight.

March 21st—SENATE.—An amendment was made to Act respecting Police Force, &c. in North-West Territories and Bill amended sent to Commons. To Dominion Notes Act, an amendment was offered, but negatived and Bill passed 2nd reading. A very large number of Bills from Commons were read 1st and 2nd time and amendments to Copyright Bill agreed to.

COMMONS.—The Reciprocity negotiations occupied the time until recess and Mr. Plumb's motion for correspondence was carried. After recess Hon. Malcolm Cameron moved an address to Her Majesty respecting International Arbitration. It was supported by Mr. Richard, but opposed by several members and the motion was finally withdrawn. A motion by Mr. DeCosmos for the establishment of a Divorce Court was negatived by a division of 131 to 5.

March 23rd—SENATE.—Amendments were made to London and Canada Bank Bill, Upper Ottawa Improvement Co. Bill, Lower Ottawa Boom Co's Bill, Dominion Notes and Northern Railway Bills were passed.

COMMONS.—Questions of Privilege brought up by Mr. Devlin and Mr. Donville. 3rd reading of Culling of Timber Bill. An amendment by Mr. Macdougall was accepted. Another by Mr. Currier, lost on divi-