

April 1st.—SENATE.—Pilotage Bill amended and sent back to Commons. A number of reports received and read.—COMMONS. 2nd reading Railway Act. House went into Committee and passed first three clauses. On the 4th objections were taken by several members, and it was amended. A long discussion arose on an amendment proposed by Dr. Tupper, limiting the amount of Railway Supplies to be purchased by private contract, but it was finally rejected, and the Bill concurred in. 2nd reading of North-West Territories Bill. Amendments were made to render the provision for the prohibition of intoxicating liquors more stringent, and the Bill was concurred in. House in Committee of Supply. A long discussion took place on the question of payment of a sum to the heirs of the late Joseph Beuchette. It was finally carried by a vote of 95 to 59. Another discussion arose on the payment to Hon. D. A. Smith, which finally passed by a vote of 89 to 27.

April 2nd.—SENATE.—The bill respecting Railway Traffic Returns was amended and sent down to Commons, as also the Bill to prevent cruelty to animals. The debate on the Georgian Bay Railway was resumed, and a motion was carried by a vote of 21 to 18 that it was premature and unwise to undertake the large expenditure involved in it. Certain amendments of the Commons to the Penitentiary Bill were concurred in, and a number of bills read 1st and 2nd time.—COMMONS. A number of orders were discharged. Pacific Railway Telegraph again under discussion. Mr. Kirkpatrick moved an amendment, which was lost by 181 to 48, as was also Mr. Rowell's. House in Committee of the Whole on Prohibitory Liquor Law. An amendment was negatived, and Mr. Ross's resolution, "that the House is of opinion the most effectual remedy for the evils of intemperance would be to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors," was passed. Mr. D. A. Smith made a long speech defending himself from allegations brought against him in reference to N. W. troubles, and was followed by Dr. Schultz.

April 3rd.—SENATE.—A division took place on some amendments to the Bill for Better Protection of Persons and Property on Railways, which were lost, and the Bill was discharged from Orders of the Day. Amendments to Quebec Graving Dock Bill were agreed to, and the Bill relating to

taking of Land by Railway Co.'s.—COMMONS. Two Pacific Railway Contracts were laid on the table by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie. The motion for ratification of one contract was carried without discussion. The other Dr. Tupper moved three months' hoist, which was lost, and the motion was carried, as also one authorizing a contract for construction between Rat Portage and Cross Lake. Hon. Mr. Smith made another personal explanation.

April 5th.—SENATE.—Dominion Mutual Assurance Co. Bill, and Red River and Pacific Ocean Railway Bills, passed. Amendments to Ontario and Quebec Lumber Association Bill agreed to. Several Bills read first and second times. Amendments to Insolvency Bill reported and agreed to. Further amendments agreed to, and Bill passed and sent back to Commons.—COMMONS. Mr. Young presented resolutions for an Address to Her Majesty respecting Naturalization of Aliens. The resolution was passed without division.

April 6th.—SENATE.—The Bill to repeal Export Duties on O-k Logs was finally passed on a vote of 27 to 25. Amendments were made to the Inspection Bill, and it was sent down to the Commons. A number of amendments were made in Committee to the Supreme Court Bill, Quebec and Lake Huron Railway Bill passed with amendments, and sent back to Commons. A large number of amendments to Supreme Court Bill were negatived, and the Bill finally passed as amended, and sent to Commons. The Esquimaux Railway Bill was thrown out by a vote of 23 to 21.—COMMONS.—The Tea Duties were made the subject of several inquiries of Ministers, and the amendments to the Insolvency Bill by Senate. Two of them were not concurred in, the rest passed.

April 7th.—SENATE.—Quebec Trinity House and Graving Dock Bills were passed as amended and sent to Commons. The Insolvency Bill as sent from Commons agreed to, and a number of other Bills. A division took place on an amendment to the Railway Act, which was negatived, as was also one to the North-West Territories Bill. A protest by 17 members against the Supreme Court Bill was entered on the Journals.

April 8th.—Parliament prorogued. Governor-General assented in name of Her Majesty to 93 Bills, and reserved two for Her Majesty's pleasure.

## Climatology.

We refer to previous numbers of the Year Book, from 1870 to 1873 inclusive, for tables of Climatological Statistics of the Dominion of Canada, compiled by Professor KINGSTON, Director of the Magnetic Observatory, Toronto, for a record of facts to establish the nature of the climate of Canada. We have now before us a volume

of "Abstracts and Results of Magnetical and Meteorological Observations" at that Observatory from 1841 to 1871 inclusive, printed by Copp, Clarke & Co., Toronto, to which we refer for more detailed information on the subject. We abstract the following:—

At Isle Jesus (near Montreal).....	1853-62	February was warmer than January by	3.4
Quebec .....	1861-67	" " " "	3.6
St. John, New Brunswick .....	1861-68	" " " "	3.6
Halifax .....	1867-68	" " " "	2.3
Stratford, Ontario .....	1861-68	" " " "	1.9
Toronto .....	1859-68	" " " "	1.6