

Pacific Railway; bringing charges of corruption against the Ministry, and many members of the House. The motion was negatived without debate, by a vote of 107 to 76. Mr. Tobin made some inquiries with respect to the S. S. "Atlantic" and pointed out the necessity of further lighthouses on the Nova Scotian Coast. Mr. Mitchell detailed the circumstances of the wreck so far as information had been received by the Government, and stated that every measure had been taken to relieve the sufferers, and to afford protection to shipping along the coast. A discussion arose with respect to Judges' salaries. Sir John A. Macdonald thought uniformity impossible and showed that it did not prevail in Great Britain. The Dual Representation Bill was passed. A Bill to amend the Railway Act of 1868, so as to enforce the penalty of not placing notice in railway stations when trains are over due, on the principal officers at any station, was passed its 2nd reading.

3rd. COMMONS.—After some discussion on the appointment of the Returning Officer for South Renfrew, Mr. Bodwell moved an address for correspondence on the subject of Reciprocity. Mr. Tilley said no correspondence had taken place, except an address passed at the national Board of Trade, forwarded through the Dominion Board. Dr. Tupper contended the wisest policy would be to leave action on the subject to the United States, where the feeling in favor of reciprocity was rapidly increasing. Mr. Holton and Mr. Young (Montreal), advocated reciprocity and censured the Government for granting free navigation of the St. Lawrence without it. Sir F. Hincks was doubtful if any changes were likely to be soon made in U. S. Tariff, but would not approve of opening the Canals without getting something in return. Mr. Tilley thought all efforts to bring about close commercial relations with the U. S. should be met in a fair and friendly spirit, and the motion passed. 2nd. reading of the Bill to introduce vote by ballot at elections was moved by Mr. Tremblay, and after some discussion the debate was adjourned until Monday.

4th.—COMMONS.—A Bill to provide for the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages was introduced by Hon. Mr. Pope. The House went into Committee on Bill respecting Pilots and Pilotage, the object being to make the law uniform throughout the Dominion, with such amendments as had been found desirable.

Hon. Mr. Tilley introduced a Bill to amend and consolidate the Inspection Law. The House went into Committee on Bill for keeping order on steamers. The first clause was amended after some discussion and the Committee rose. House went into Committee of supply. On the question of salaries, Mr. Ryan (Montreal), spoke strongly in favour of the increase of salaries of public servants, and Mr. Tilley defended the Civil Service from the charge of inefficiency.

7th.—COMMONS.—Mr. Dorion (Napierville), brought before the House the question of employees of the House acting as newspaper correspondents. After some discussion, Mr. Tassé, one of the Translators, was ordered to be brought to the Bar of the House, at 7.30, which was done, and the matter ultimately left in the hands of the Speaker, by whom Mr. Tassé was suspended. Mr. Jones moved for a Select Committee to consider the agricultural interests of the Dominion.

After a long discussion the debate was adjourned.

8th.—Dr. Tupper moved for a Committee to consider the subject of Inspection of Gas. Some doubts were expressed whether the measure did not belong to the Local Legislature, and the matter was adjourned. Sir J. A. Macdonald moved for the appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into Mr. Huntington's allegations respecting the Canada Pacific Railway charter, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit after the prorogation. Mr. Mackenzie doubted whether a Committee could sit after prorogation, without special legislation. Mr. Dorion urged that the evidence should be taken on oath, and the Committee should report the evidence to the House. The motion was amended accordingly and a Committee of five were appointed, Messrs. Blanchet, Blake, Dorion, Macdonald (Pictou), and Hillyard Cameron. Dr. Tupper moved the House into Committee on Customs Duties in Manitoba. He proposed to extend the present tariff to 13th May 1873, with the exception of liquors. The resolution was amended so as to prohibit the sale of liquor, and a Bill introduced. A long discussion followed on the subject of the judiciary, some of the members complaining of their inefficiency, others asking for increase of salary. Several items of the Supply Bill were passed through Committee and they rose at midnight.

9th.—The subject of the enlargement of the Welland Canal was brought up by Mr. Merritt. Mr. Langevin explained that the Government had sent 3 engineers to examine and report on the best route, and the time thus spent had not been wasted, as in a work of such magnitude the best line should be selected. Mr. Mills brought up the question of an elective Senate. Debate on the Ballot Bill was resumed, and the 2nd reading was carried by a vote of 78 to 55.

10th.—COMMONS.—Mr. Young (Waterloo) moved the House into Committee to consider the Naturalization Laws, especially with reference to Naturalized Germans. Sir John Macdonald concurred in the resolutions and they were passed. In answer to an enquiry of Mr. Blake, Sir John Macdonald said the Ballot system would be made a part of the Election Bill. The House went into Committee of Supply and passed a number of items.

15th.—House in Committee on Civil Service Superannuation Act. Act to be amended so that the country pay one half the tax, and percentage on salaries of \$600 and upwards to be 2 per cent, and under \$600 1½ per cent. On the Gas Inspection Bill, some discussion arose, but the general impression was in favour of the measure, and a Bill was introduced. The House went into Committee of Supply, and passed a large number of items without division.

16th.—Several Bills were introduced and reports received. Mr. Joly moved the House into Committee on resolutions to exempt beet root sugar from excise duties for the next ten years. Several members spoke in favour of the measure. The Grand Trunk Railway Amendment Bill was brought up for 2nd reading, and the debate on it continued till the House adjourned.

17th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Macpherson brought forward his Pacific Railway resolutions condemning the Government for their action with regard to the Railway.