

duty, allowing Government time to manipulate the witnesses, and depriving him of the chance to bring proof. Sir John A. Macdonald replied, severely censuring Mr. Huntington's course, and insisting upon the right of persons accused to be present at the investigation. The debate continued till one o'clock, when the motion was carried by a vote of 107 to 76.

7th.—SENATE.—On a Building Society's Bill, a discussion took place as to the propriety of obliging these Societies to make monthly returns in the same way as the Savings Banks. The feeling of the House was in favor of this step. A number of Bills were read and passed, but no debate took place on them.

COMMONS.—The debate on Mr. Mills' motion for an elective Senate was resumed, and after a long discussion was negatived by a vote of 61 to 46.

8th.—SENATE.—The improvement of the navigation of the St. John was brought up by Hon. Mr. Wilmot, who spoke of its great importance to the people of New Brunswick. 2nd reading of bill for Government of N. W. Territories was moved by Hon. Mr. Campbell, who explained that it was intended to give power to extend to the district of the N. West, such laws as from time to time required to be administered. On the Ocean Mail Service Bill a long discussion took place, a number of the members thinking it would be better to submit the service to competition and not confine it to one line.

COMMONS.—Mr. Mackenzie brought up the question of Government interference at elections, instancing particularly a P.O. Inspector in Ontario, and moving that it was highly criminal for servants of the Crown to use their influence, directly or indirectly to influence elections. Dr. Tupper denied the statement with regard to Mr. Griffin, and moved that the house proceed to orders of the day, which amendment, after a long discussion, was carried by a vote of 103 to 70. On motion of Sir John Macdonald the House went into committee and passed a series of resolutions for the increase of salaries of Lieut.-Governors, Judges, Senate and Commons and their Speakers, and an appropriation of \$75,000 to increase the salaries of civil servants.

9th.—SENATE.—No discussion of importance took place. A large number of Bills were read and passed.

COMMONS.—There was another long debate on the Pilotage Bill, Mr. Mitchell and other members defending it as a fair compromise between the views of the merchants and the pilots. It was finally passed with a few trifling amendments.

10th.—COMMONS.—The report of the Sanitary Committee was presented, adopted and ordered to be printed. Suggestions were made as to warming and lighting, and the sewerage arrangement pronounced defective. The House went into Committee of Supply on the Pacific Railway survey item, a long debate again arose and the matter was finally dropped. A large number of items passed without discussion.

12th.—SENATE.—The house adjourned out of respect to the memory of the Hon. Asa A. Burnham.

COMMONS.—Debate on Pacific Railway resumed, Mr. Mackenzie moving that no person having a pecuniary interest or contract in it be eligible to be elected to the House, which was rejected by a vote of 86 to 63. On motion of Mr. Ross, Middlesex,

the time for the meeting of Parliament was fixed to be not later than 1st February.

13th.—SENATE.—The subject of Mail Service to West Indies was debated, Hon. Mr. Ryan blaming the Government for not taking more active steps to encourage trade with these islands.

COMMONS.—Hon. Mr. Langevin made an explanation with regard to the charges made against him, of using threats to influence the Chicoutimi and Charlevoix elections. He read several letters and certificates to prove this was not the case. Mr. Joly moved the House into Committee on the subject of Beet Root Sugar Manufacture. After a long discussion it was agreed to exempt this industry from Excise duty for 5 years. The Pilotage Bill was passed and the Controverted Elections Bill passed through Committee, Barristers of 10 years standing being substituted for 5, as eligible to sit as Judges in election cases.

14th.—SENATE.—No debate of importance occurred. Several bills were passed a stage, and to one or two amendments were made.

COMMONS.—The Committee on the shortest route to Europe presented their report, recommending Louisbourg as a winter port. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed. The House went into Committee on the resolution to make free grants to children of original settlers in Manitoba, which was passed unanimously and a bill introduced and read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd time. The House went into Committee of Supply, when the New Brunswick School Law was brought up by Mr. Costigan. A very long debate ensued, and at 2 o'clock, Mr. Costigan's motion that, pending the action of the Privy Council, the House advise His Excellency to disallow the acts of the New Brunswick Legislature, was carried by a vote of 98 to 63.

15th.—SENATE.—A number of Bills were read a 2nd and 3rd time, with little discussion and no divisions.

COMMONS.—Mr. Huntington stated that important documents in the Pacific Railway case were held by a trustee, whose name he was prepared to divulge to the Committee of Investigation on certain conditions, and that they will be placed out of the reach of the Committee before July, and moved that the Committee assemble to-morrow and summon said trustee to produce before them all the documents in relation to the Pacific Railway negotiations. No objection was made and the motion was carried. Mr. Langevin read a report from Mr. Sandford Fleming on the Pacific Railway survey, stating that a favourable route from the prairies to Lake Superior and the Valley of the Ottawa had been found, but that the line from the Rocky Mountains to the coast required more exhaustive surveys and fuller information before being decided on.

16th.—SENATE.—The question of copyright was brought up by Mr. Ryan, who moved for correspondence with the Imperial Government, and censured the Dominion Government for not having pressed the matter more energetically. The motion was carried. The Goldsmiths Co. Bill, after a good deal of discussion, was deferred till Monday. A number of other Bills were read and passed with slight amendments.

COMMONS.—A message from the Governor General transmitted resolutions in