

relation to the union of Prince Edward's Island with the Dominion. Mr. J. H. Cameron moved that the Pacific Railway Committee have leave to sit, although the House is not in session. Mr. Dorion moved an amendment to the contrary effect. After speeches from several members the amendment was negatived on a vote of 101 to 66, and Mr. Cameron's motion was carried. The House proceeded to concur in the estimates. The items were passed without division, except the \$500,000 for the Pacific Railway Survey, which was passed by a vote of 67 to 30.

17th.—COMMONS.—The terms of the P. E. Island union were explained by Mr. Tilley. Sir John Macdonald moved resolutions respecting the Export Duty on Lumber in New Brunswick, providing the payment of \$150,000 per annum to that Province, as an indemnity for the loss of the duty. A very long debate followed, but the Bill was finally read a first and second time. Mr. Tilley moved the House into Committee to consider the subject of the Provincial Subsidies, stating that the Dominion was now able to assume the whole debt of Ontario and Quebec, and give equal considerations to the other Provinces. On motion of Sir John Macdonald, the salaries of members of the Privy Council were increased to \$7,000 per annum, and that of the First Minister to \$8,000.

19th.—SENATE.—A number of Bills were read and passed. A new member (Hon. Mr. DeLery, of Quebec) was introduced. A discussion arose upon the Deck Loads Bill, some of the Senators thinking trade unnecessarily restricted by it.

COMMONS.—Sir John Macdonald informed the House His Excellency had thought it his duty to apply to Her Majesty's Government for instructions respecting the New Brunswick School Law, and considering the importance of the subject, he should ask for an appropriation to defray the expenses of the appeal to the Privy Council. A discussion arose upon the report of the Printing Committee, but it was finally agreed upon, by a vote of 71 to 70, that the rates should be the same for Parliamentary Printing as for the ordinary rates, an advance of 27 per cent. on the contract. The debate on Subsidies to Provinces was resumed, and the bill finally adopted and read a first time.

20th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Campbell announced the death of Sir George E. Cartier. Several members paid their tribute to his memory, and, in respect to it, the House adjourned.

COMMONS.—The death of Sir G. E. Cartier was announced by Sir John Macdonald. Both sides of the House united in the warmest eulogies on the character of the deceased statesman, and expressions of grief for his loss. The question of Provincial Subsidies was resumed, and after some debate the bill was read a second time. A long dis-

cussion took place on some remarks made by Mr. Dorion on the Judiciary of Quebec. Sir John Macdonald explained this was a matter belonging to the Provincial Government, and the Dominion Government could only interfere in the last resort, when the Provincial Governments had failed in their duty. The Prince Edward Island resolutions were adopted without a division, and the Confederation of B. N. America accomplished.

21st.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Macpherson made some inquiries about the Canada Pacific Railway Survey, wishing to know how the Government would proceed in case of the failure of Sir Hugh Allan, and if the survey was to be proceeded with, which last question was answered in the affirmative by Hon. Mr. Campbell, who also informed the House of the intention of the Government to ask the House to adjourn till August, and then meet, as a matter of form.

COMMONS.—On motion for concurrence in the Militia Estimates, it was announced by Hon. Mr. Langevin, that the system next year was to be changed, and considerable reductions made in the expenditure. A number of Bills were put off till next Session, and a number of others read the third time and passed.

23rd.—Sir John Macdonald moved for an Address to His Excellency to give directions for a public funeral to Sir Geo. Cartier. The motion was opposed by Mr. Mackenzie on the ground that this commemoration ought not to be given for political services. Mr. Holton supported Mr. Mackenzie's view. The motion was carried by a vote of 45 to 25. At three o'clock His Excellency came down and gave assent to a large number of Bills, after which the House adjourned until the 13th of August.

August 13th.—On the Speaker taking the Chair, Mr. Mackenzie was about to make a motion, when the Speaker announced that His Excellency commanded the attendance of the House in the Senate Chamber. Mr. Mackenzie refused, and, amid cries of privilege, the Ministerial members obeyed the summons, the Opposition members remaining in the House. His Excellency, after referring to several of the measures passed during the Session, and congratulating them on the union with Prince Edward Island, thanked them for the supplies, and announced that he had ordered a Commission to be issued to inquire into Pacific Railway matters, and take evidence on oath, their report to be transmitted to the Speakers of the two Houses as well as to himself, and Parliament to be summoned for despatch of business as soon as it was received. A petition against the prorogation, signed by 95 members, had been presented to His Excellency, who found it inexpedient in the interests of the public to accede to their request, and considered himself bound to follow the advice of his constitutional advisers.

## Dominion Appointments.

FROM OCTOBER 1872 TO OCTOBER 1873.

29th October 1872.—John Anderson Ardagh, Esq., of Ontario, Barrister, to be Junior Judge of the County Court of Simcoe, Ontario.

Joseph Bouchard, of St. Paul's Bay, Q., to be Landing Waiter and Sub-Collector of Customs.