

Canadians in U. S., and an amendment was passed with this view. Some discussion arose also on the Militia items, which were passed.

February 26th—SENATE.—Act respecting Copyrights reported from Select Committee with amendments.

COMMONS.—Mr. Mills moved resolutions to amend Constitution of Senate, leaving to each Province the appointment of Senators. Mr. Palmer spoke in opposition, as did also Mr. Plumb. Mr. de Cosmos and Mr. Moss supported the motion. Several other members spoke for and against it, and the resolution was finally carried by a vote of 77 to 74, and the House went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Mills explained he intended to go no further at present.

March 1st.—SENATE.—Domestic Militia and Defence Acts, and Preservation of Peace near Public Works Act, sent from Commons and read 1st time.

COMMONS.—Bill to amend Act for Administration of Justice and Police Force in N. W. Territories introduced by Hon. Mr. Fournier. House in Committee of Whole to consider resolutions on salaries of Nova Scotia Judges. After discussion the first resolution was amended and carried. House in Committee of Supply. Long explanations were made by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie with reference to works on Lachine, Beauharnois and Welland Canals. After recess, the item for Bale Verte Canal was taken up, and brought on a long debate. It was finally passed, Mr. Mackenzie promising the Govt. would make some distinct proposition in concurrence. The Dawson route also caused considerable discussion but this item and a number of others were passed.

March 2nd—SENATE.—Several Bills were passed and sent to Commons. Copyright Bill postponed.

COMMONS.—Insurance Bill introduced by Mr. Cartwright. Mr. Wilkes moved for Select Committee to report on Dominion Circulation. The Fishery question was again gone over in elaborate speech by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, and the House went into Committee of Supply and passed a number of items.

March 3rd—SENATE.—After routine, the affairs of the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary and of the Government deposits in Banks and papers agreed to be asked for. The Militia and Preservation of Peace Acts were read a 2nd time and the Copyright Bill again sent to Committee.

COMMONS.—House in committee of the whole on Postal Service Resolutions. An amendment was moved by Mr. Young seconded by Mr. Ross, making newspapers free. This was strongly opposed by the Premier, and after a considerable discussion the amendment was lost and the resolutions adopted. A long debate on the controverted elections bill followed. A number of amendments were adopted, and the bill passed committee as amended.

March 4th—SENATE.—Intercolonial railway affairs were the subject of the principal debate. The reciprocity papers were brought down. Copyright Bill again reported and agreed to.

COMMONS.—House went into committee of supply, and on item for Pacific Railway, the Premier gave a long explanation respecting the present state of the survey the parts of the work under contract, and the

work done on the telegraph line. He was followed by Hon. Mr. Tupper, who, while generally approving of the measures of the Province, pointed out what he considered defects in the plan in building branch lines not originally contemplated, and was followed by Hon. Mr. Masson opposing, and on Mr. Geoffrion supporting the Georgian Bay Branch. Several other gentlemen followed, and Hon. Mr. Blake closed the debates, when the item was passed, and the House rose.

March 8th—SENATE.—A number of Bills passed 2nd and 3rd reading. Debate took place on the Civil Service in P. E. Island and the Mail Service in British Columbia.

COMMONS.—Mr. Costigan moved resolutions respecting New Brunswick School Law, asking for amendment to B. N. A. Act, giving R. C. minority in N. B. separate schools. Mr. Appieby followed opposing the motion as unconstitutional and interfering with the rights of the people of N. B. The debate was continued till nearly midnight.

March 9th—SENATE.—Niagara District Bank Bill passed with amendments. A debate arose on 2nd reading of Marine Electric Telegraph Bill, and it was finally postponed. "Patent Act" read 2nd time and referred to Committee of Whole.

COMMONS.—Postal Service Bill again under discussion. Section 19 was finally struck out. Section 21st was amended so as to make the Act come in force on 1st Oct., and the Bill passed. Dominion Notes Bill read 3rd time and passed. Sick and Distressed Mariners Bill read 2nd time after considerable discussion. A number of supply items were concurred in. On the Welland Canal item, several members urged strongly it should be deepened to 14 feet.

March 10th—SENATE.—Marine Electric Telegraph Bill read 2nd time and referred to Committee. Several other Bills advanced a stage and House went into Committee of the Whole on amendments to Patent Act, and the Bill was passed. Several Bills sent from Commons read first time, and Report of Committee on Peterson Divorce case received and read.

COMMONS.—B. Columbia Telegraph Lines and Surveys of the St. Lawrence were subjects of discussion. Mr. Plumb made a motion respecting Reciprocity negotiation with U. S. After recess the debate on N. B. School Act was resumed by Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, who moved an amendment that the legislation asked for was inexpedient and an infraction of the Provincial Constitution. Hon. Mr. Cauchon moved an amendment to the amendment, that Her Majesty will use her influence with the N. B. Legislature to procure a change in the Law. Mr. Costigan moved adjournment of debate, which was defeated by 124 to 60. The debate was kept up till a late hour, when Mr. Cauchon's amendment was carried by a vote of 111 to 13.

March 11th—COMMONS.—After some unimportant business, Mr. Kirkpatrick moved for papers relating to the land for Lachine Canal enlargement. Mr. Jetté made a long explanation respecting this and the motion was carried. On the Penitentiaries Bill, some discussion arose on one or two points which were satisfactorily explained by Mr. Mackenzie. On the item in estimates for Bale Verte Canal, Hon.