

well and Walter Scott. Petitions ordered to be received.

COMMONS—Budget speech of Mr. Cartwright—Revenue, \$2,587,000; expenditure, \$2,488,900; deficit, \$1,901,000, due to extraordinary and abnormal expenditures not likely to recur again. Reductions in expenditure in the year made of \$800,000; receipts from Excise increased; Customs fallen off \$2,500,000; Bank circulation increased in ten years 100 per cent.; deposits 130 per cent; shipping 65 per cent; exports 45 per cent.; Estimates \$23,167,000, an augmentation of \$136,000, of which, \$86,000 for Indians. Mr. Cartwright went at some length into details of the loan he had lately negotiated in England; thought with the arrangements made, the ordinary expenditure would never very much exceed twenty-three millions. He proposed abolishing excise duty on coal oil and reducing the duty on imported oil from 15 to 6 cents $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon; to put a tax of 1 cent. $\frac{1}{2}$ on malt, and three cents $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon on beer; to change the duty on cotton and linen thread, from 10 to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.; to put a specific duty of 50 cents $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and *ad valorem* of 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent on cigars, and of 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. *ad valorem* on perfumery, and to make some other changes, increasing the revenue altogether by 4 or \$500,000. Dr Tupper followed, criticising the policy of the Government. Mr. Mackenzie followed, defending the Government from the attacks of Dr. Tupper, and was followed by Sir John Macdonald, condemning the tone of the Premier's remarks. The resolutions were introduced, and the House rose at 1 o'clock.

21st—**SENATE**—Divorce case of Mary Jane Bates received on division. Bill in Scott Divorce case introduced and read first time.

COMMONS—The subject of the Fort Francis Locks was brought up by Mr. Kirkpatrick. Mr. Brouse moved for Select Committee on Vital Statistics. Mr. Mackenzie thought this a subject belonging to Local Legislatures, but agreed to the committee.

22nd—**SENATE**—Bills in Bates and Holwell Divorce cases, after a division, read first time. Papers relating to G. T. Railway Strike moved for.

COMMONS—2nd reading of Mr. Irving's Procedure in Criminal Cases Bill. Bill sent to committee. Adjourned debate on dismissals from office.

23rd—**SENATE**—Address for papers relating to Direct and Anglo American Cables Cos., and for correspondence relating to appointment of additional Senators agreed to. Debate on G. T. Railway strike resumed.

COMMONS—Committee of Supply. Items for Privy Council and Department of Justice passed after some explanations by Mr. Blake. The votes for the other Departments were also passed after the Finance Minister explained that increase was principally statutory. A large number of minor items also passed.

26th—**SENATE**—Addresses for papers, reports, &c.

COMMONS—Ontario Maritime Court Bill under discussion. Maritime Province Members suggested making the Bill general for the Provinces as the present Courts were very cumbersome and expensive. Second reading of Mr. Barthe's Bill for repealing Insolvent Act. Mr. Wood

moved four months' hoist. After debate House rose at 11. No division.

27th—**SENATE**—resumed the debate on the G. T. Railway Strike.

COMMONS—Second reading Geological Survey Bill, to make the survey a permanent branch of Dept. of Interior and to remove museum from Montreal to Ottawa. Montreal members opposed the removal. House in Committee of Supply. On the vote for the Parliamentary Library, considerable discussion took place. Mr. Mackenzie said it was not until the interior of the Library was nearly completed that the Librarian had informed him that the building would hold only 80,000 volumes. The side rooms, intended for reading rooms, had to be utilized for storage. It was impossible to extend the building without ruining its design, and he was sure no one would be willing to injure the most beautiful edifice in North America.

28th—**SENATE**—A despatch from Lord Caernarvon relative to the Canada Pacific Railway was presented by Hon. Mr. Scott and read.

COMMONS—Toronto Prison Discipline Bill and Prevention of Gambling Bill introduced by Mr. Blake. A debate took place upon a motion for papers respecting the Georgian Bay Branch of the Pacific Railway. After recess the Insolvent Act Repeal Bill was again under discussion, and Mr. Woods motion (4 mos. hoist) in amendment was finally agreed to by a vote of 103 to 41.

March 1st—**SENATE**—After routine business, an adjournment was carried until the 13th.

COMMONS—A motion of Mr. Masson for correspondence respecting the appointment of Senators, and a motion for the appointment of a Committee to consider the question of the Coal Interests.

March 2nd—**SENATE**—An address for Returns of all persons employed in the Civil Service since 1867 and their salaries was agreed to.

COMMONS—Debate on Coal Interests continued. On the question of concurrence in Resolution 1, from Committee of Ways and Means, Sir John Macdonald moved an amendment to the effect that the taxation was increased without any compensation to Canadian industries, and that the tariff should be adjusted so as to benefit the agricultural, mining and manufacturing interests of the Dominion. Mr. Mackenzie followed, saying that this time of depression was not a proper time for the reconstruction of the tariff; that protection belonged to the policy of the dark ages and free trade to the advance of human freedom. Mr. Rochester objected to the increased tax on malt. Debate, which lasted all the evening, was adjourned.

March 5th—No session of **SENATE**.

COMMONS—Mr. Charlton moved reference of expenditure of Secret Service Fund to Public Accounts Committee. Sir John A. Macdonald thought it the duty of the Government to resist the motion. Mr. Mackenzie could see no grounds for doing so, and the motion was carried. Mr. Robinson moved for return of instructions to Commissioners to investigate affairs of Northern Railway. Mr. Young made a motion, in amendment, appointing a committee to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the report of