

the Commission. Sir John Macdonald moved an amendment to the amendment that the committee investigate the accounts of both the Northern and Northern Extension Railway, which was agreed to.

*March 6th*—SENATE—Several Bills from Commons introduced and read.

COMMONS—Adjourned debate on Tariff. Mr. Wood moved an amendment in favor of a 20 per cent. tariff. Sir John Macdonald supported this, and read a letter from Mr. Stephen, one of the largest manufacturers in Canada, stating that manufacturers generally were in favor of a tax of 75 cents per ton on bituminous coal, provided this was made a part of a general scheme of tariff reform doing justice to the industries of all the Provinces. Debate lasted all until adjournment.

*March 7th*—SENATE—Petitions and Reports—A number of Returns brought down by Ion. Mr. Scott.

COMMONS—Adjourned debate on the Coal Interests resumed. Mr. Mackay (Cap. Breton) suggested the addition to the amendment of the words "to inquire into the best means of promoting inter-provincial trade," which was agreed to by Mr. Cartwright, and after further debate was accepted and the motion as amended passed and committee was appointed. Mr. Blake's Bill for Prevention of Gambling Practices being taken up, Sir John Macdonald suggested insertion of clause prohibiting pools on races and pools on elections.

*March 8th*—Adjourned debate on Quebec Giving Dock. Motion for papers was finally withdrawn on Mr. Mackenzie's statement that the plans and report were not yet ready. Second reading of Mr. Dymond's Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill, allowing persons charged with crime to give evidence on their own behalf if they desired. After debate the Bill was withdrawn.

SENATE—The Scott Divorce Case proceeded with and Bill read a second time. Several Bills read 2nd time and a number of turns brought down.

*March 9th*—SENATE—Committee in Sco Divorce Case report. Addresses agreed on for papers, &c., respecting Pacific Railway and Telegraph. Bates Divorce Case read on a division and referred to select Committee. Holiwell Divorce Case do. Several Bills passed through Committee and others from Commons read first time.

COMMONS—Adjourned debate on Tariff lasted all evening.

12—COMMONS—Mr. Shibley moved for documents respecting the Rideau Canal. Mr. Mackenzie said the time was not far distant when very extensive repairs would be necessary and then would be the time to consider the question of dealing with the work. After recess the St. Peter's Canal was under discussion, and Intercolonial P. E. Railways.

13—SENATE—Mr. tions for papers and reports. Third reading of Act to extend to P. Island certain criminal laws in force in other Provinces. Bill was passed with the amendment. Act respecting offences against the person passed in Committee of the whole with three amendments. Several Bills from Commons read 1st time.

COMMONS—Amendment of Customs Act for providing correct statements of ex-

ports, better provision for reporting vessels and railway trains on the frontier, and greater security to the revenue in connection with the warehousing system, agreed to and a Bill introduced. Adjourned debate on the Tariff resumed and lasted all the evening.

14th—SENATE—Address for statement of affairs of *Le Credit Foncier* agreed to. Judges Salaries Act, from Commons, passed. To the Geological Survey Bill an amendment was proposed respecting the museum at Montreal, but was lost on a vote of 21 to 21.

COMMONS—Mr. DeCosmos moved for a committee to enquire into the progress made in the Pacific Railway Survey. The transfer of the Truro & Pictou Branch Railway was afterwards taken up. Mr. Mackenzie thought every precaution had been taken. Bill for Extradition of Criminals, to make a general provision for carrying out all extradition treaties extending to Canada, between Great Britain and foreign countries, was read a second time.

15th *March*—SENATE—Committee on Holiwell Divorce Case. Several Bills were brought up from Commons. Geological Survey Bill passed and the Scott Divorce Bill, and Bates Divorce Bill, and Prison Discipline Bill. A number of Bills read second time and referred to committee.

COMMONS—Debate on Tariff resumed by Mr. Mills. Mr. Workman contended the Government had increased the tariff from 17½ to 20 per cent., and he should support the amendment of Mr. Wood. The amendment to the amendment was lost by a vote of 109 to 78. Mr. Orton moved a further amendment to arrange the Customs Tariff so as to relieve Canadian farmers from the one-sided and unjust effects of U. S. Tariff. Debate lasted till 20 minutes to 5 o'clock; the House finally adjourned.

*March 16th*—SENATE—Act to incorporate Dominion of Canada Civil Service Mutual Benefit Association, reported from committee, with amendments. Committee appointed to enquire into the differences in length and cost of construction of the Pacific Railway Line westward on lines north and south of Lake Manitoba. Several Bills advanced a stage, and Reports of committees received.

COMMONS—Extradition Bill read third time and passed. Committee of Supply: Items for Immigration and Quarantine. After a long discussion, the item was agreed to.

*March 19th*—SENATE—A number of Bills read a third time and passed.

COMMONS—Mr. Devlin moved for a Select Committee to report on the expediency of Representation of Minorities. The motion was altered to meet the views of Mr. Blake, and it was agreed to on a division.

20th *March*—SENATE—Several Bills read second and third time. Holiwell Divorce Bill passed. Several amendments were made to Supreme and Exchequer Courts Amendment Bill.

COMMONS—House in Committee on Quebec Harbor and Pilotage Acts. Resolutions agreed to. Mr. Blake's Improper Use of Fire-arms Bill read second time. Amendments to Inland Revenue Act passed through committee; also Adulter-