

ation of Food and Inspection of Gas. Second reading of Mr. Blake's Breaches of Contract Bill:—Any wilful breach of contract, involving serious bodily injury, danger to human life, or destruction of valuable property, to be declared criminal. Breaches of contract of people engaged to supply places with gas and water, wilfully or maliciously made, to be declared criminal. Breaches of service on the part of employés on railways and of other workmen, causing great damage, &c., to be deemed criminal also. Read a second time after debate.

21st March SENATE—A number of Bills were advanced a stage.

COMMONS—Debate on a motion of Mr. Palmer's for a return respecting the sale of Postage Stamps at St. John Post-office. Adjourned debate on Mr. Casey's motion for Select Committee on Civil Service.

March 23rd—SENATE—Canada Traffic Cos. Bill reported from Committee with several amendments which were agreed to. Other Bills were advanced a stage.

COMMONS—First reading of Holiwell Divorce Bill agreed to on a division of 94 to 51. Adjourned debate on Tariff.

March 22nd—COMMONS—Adjourned debate on Tariff continued. Mr. Orton's amendment was lost by a vote of 113 to 74, Sir John Macdonald's by a vote of 119 to 70, and the original motion agreed to by a vote of 120 to 69.

March 26th SENATE—Several Bills passed. An Address was agreed to for statements respecting Canada Agricultural Insurance Co. Several Bills from Commons introduced and read. On a motion of Hon. Mr. Read, respecting a National Policy and adjustment of Tariff, a debate arose.

COMMONS—Some discussion arose on the question of furnishing supplies to the N. W. Force. The question of the Preservation of the Buffalo was brought up by a motion of Mr. Schultz for papers. The best authorities held that the present rate of destruction buffalo would be extinct in eight years, and the animal was invaluable to the Indian, who, without it, would become a pauper and then a marauder. Mr. Mills thought the question had better be left to be dealt with by the Government of the North West, as they were on the spot and more familiar with the matter. A debate took place on the subject of Government Deposits in Ontario Bank, on a motion of Mr. Bowell for papers. Mr. Pouliot moved for the tariff of charges on the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railways; he thought the rates were much higher for the Province of Quebec than for the other provinces. Mr. Mackenzie said the Intercolonial was a commercial affair and must be managed on commercial principles. It would be impossible to carry *pro rata* under the system of keen competition with New England Railways. The rates on the Intercolonial for any distance were now lower than on any line on the continent.

March 27th—SENATE—Several Bills were advanced a stage and papers presented.

COMMONS—House in Committee on Mr. Blake's Breach of Contract Bill. House in committee on Customs Acts Consolidation Bill. Clauses agreed to without division.

March 28th—SENATE—Several Bills were passed and papers presented.

COMMONS—Mr. Mackenzie said, respecting the works at Carillon, he wished to give the contractors every possible chance to complete them, but unless reasonable progress were made, new arrangements must be entered into. The subject of the rise of water in the Ottawa was brought up by Mr. Hagar, its overflow between the Chaudiere and Long Sault being something extraordinary. Adjourned debate on Canal Improvements. Mr. Blaine moved for various papers connected with the Welland & St. Lawrence. Third reading of Truro & Pictou Branch Railway Transfer Bill. Mr. Mitchell moved an amendment, reserving to the Government the right of free use for transporting coal and other materials for the use of Intercolonial and Government Railways. After debate the amendment was lost on a vote of 88 to 44, and the Bill passed. House in Committee on "Ontario Maritime Court Bill." Several amendments were proposed and accepted, and the Bill passed. 2nd reading of Bill for repressing Betting and Pool Selling. A number of other Bills were passed through committee.

April 2nd—COMMONS—House in committee on Customs Acts Consolidated Bill. Some debate took place on the question of allowing beef cattle to be brought in and slaughtered in bond, but the section was agreed to, and the Bill reported and passed. House in committee on Culling of Timber Bill. Mr. Lafamme said there were 36 cullers, 18 of whom were to be dismissed or superannuated with a maximum allowance of \$200 a year. The resolutions were agreed to and Bill read. Insurance Acts Amendment Bill: Mr. Young gave notice he should move an amendment when the report was received.

April 3rd—SENATE—Several Bills were passed; others advanced a stage. Several Bills, from Commons, read first time.

COMMONS—House in committee on Insolvent Act Amendment Bill. The resolutions agreed to with some amendments, and Bill reported and read a second time.

April 4th—SENATE Amendments to the Act incorporating the "Dominion Grange" were concurred in, and the Bill passed. A number of Bills were advanced a stage, and the debate on the Tariff was continued.

COMMONS—Mr. Smith moved for papers relative to route of Canadian Pacific Railway. He and Mr. Ryan both thought it a mistake not putting the road south of Lake Manitoba. Other members spoke in the same sense. Mr. Mackenzie said he had in all cases been guided by the reports of the engineers. Great engineering difficulties presented themselves on the southern route, besides the disadvantage of having to pay a high price for the right of way. The Government felt it a very serious matter to interfere with the conclusions of eminent engineers, whose sole instructions were to consider the best interests of the country. Mr. Schultz introduced a resolution in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law. Mr. Trow's Bill for the safety of Passengers on Railways was, after some debate, read 2nd time and referred to committee. On the 3rd reading of Joint Stock Cos. Incorporation Bill, two important amendments were moved by Mr. Workman and Mr. Jetté, which were agreed to and