

the Bill passed. Third reading Insolvent Act Amendment Bill. Mr. Caron moved some amendments, extending the operations of the law to non-traders. Mr. Blake opposed the amendment, and it was negatived by a vote of 101 to 56. 3rd reading Payment of Active Militia Bill.

April 3rd—SENATE—A number of Bills read 2nd and 3rd time. A number of returns asked for presented by Hon. Mr. Scott. Act respecting Boundaries of Manitoba passed. Adjourned debate on Tariff resumed.

COMMONS Pilotage Act Amendment Bill, empowering Pilotage authorities of Halifax and Picton to make steamboats pay pilotage dues if they choose, and exempting certain vessels, at other ports, from these dues. The Bill, after considerable debate, was agreed to. Culling of Timber Act read a second time. House in Committee on Inland Revenue Act Amendment Bill, imposing licenses on those who imported stills or worms, and establishing four classes of licenses instead of three. Bill reported. Tariff debate resumed. Mr. Wallace moved an amendment, substituting an *ad valorem* for specific duty on tea, which was negatived by a vote of 114 to 65 and the resolution agreed to; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th resolutions agreed to without division. Tariff Bill introduced and read.

April 6th—SENATE—Papers were moved for and an address agreed to respecting the Traffic over the Victoria Bridge. Several Bills were read a first time. Inspection of Steamboats Act passed, and the debate on Tariff resumed.

COMMONS—Third reading Insurance Act Amendment Bill. Mr. Young moved an amendment that the reserves to be held by all foreign insurance companies shall be solely for benefit of Canadian policy holders. Mr. Colby moved an amendment to the amendment, adding to it, unless the Co. proves to the Finance Minister that it has well invested assets sufficient for outstanding policies and to pay liabilities and a sufficient surplus for Canadian policy holders. Mr. Colby's amendment was lost by a vote of 175 to 23, and Mr. Young's by 104 to 77. Bill was read 3rd time and passed.

April 7th—COMMONS—The subject of Government Printing in New Brunswick was brought up by Mr. Bowell, who moved a resolution that the printing contracts held by the Speaker were opposed to the Independence of Parliament Act; in 1875 and 1876 over 18,000 dollars were paid to Hon. Mr. Anglin for printing and stationary for the P. O. Department. Mr. Mackenzie complained of the factious disposition of the gentleman opposite, and said as soon as the Government had had this matter brought under its notice by the P. M. General, it was decided the practice must be put an end to; and read a correspondence on the subject, and said the hon. gentleman's motion was merely intended to embarrass the Government. Mr. Blake proposed the course of a reference to the committee of Privileges and Elections. Debate adjourned.

April 8th—SENATE—A number of amendments were reported from committee to the "Albert Railway," "B. Can. Loan and Investment Cos. Amendment," and "London and Ontario Investment Co." Bills. A number of Bills were intro-

duced and others advanced a stage, and the debate on the Tariff resumed.

COMMONS—Debate on Government Printing in N. Brunswick resumed. After a very long debate, Mr. Bowell's motion was negatived by a vote of 111 to 72, and the House went into Committee of Supply and passed a small item for Pensions. Mr. Casey moved to refer the question of Mr. Anglin's printing contract to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Motion agreed to.

April 10th—SENATE—Reports received and papers moved for. Several Bills introduced from Commons. Three Bills passed.

COMMONS Pilotage Act Amendment Bill passed with amendments. Mr. Kirkpatrick moved a series of resolutions respecting the St. Francis Lock, condemning its not being offered by contract or authorized by Order in Council, or in accordance with the terms of Canada Pacific Railway Act, Mr. Mackenzie defended the legality of the work and the usefulness of it. Motion negatived on a vote of 107 to 59, and House went into Committee of Supply.

April 11th—SENATE—A motion in favor of Prohibitory Liquor Law was introduced by Hon. Mr. Vidal, and negatived by a vote of 36 to 25. Three Bills from Commons read first time, and a number of Bills advanced a stage.

COMMONS—Debate on Prohibitory Liquor Law resumed by Mr. Dymond. After long debate, the amendment of Mr. Ross was agreed to by a vote of 104 to 59.

April, 12th—SENATE—On the question of concurrence in Campbell Relief Bill, Hon. Mr. Campbell moved the six months' hoist, which was negatived on the casting vote of the Speaker.

COMMONS—Measurement of Registered Ships Bill passed with an amendment. Pilotage Act Amendment Bill referred back to committee, amended and passed. Ontario Maritime Court Bill further considered. Culling of Timber Bill amendments were agreed to. The case of W. D. O'Donoghue was brought up by Mr. Costigan, who moved that he should be placed in the same position as Riel and Lepine. The motion lost by a vote of 105 to 60. House went into Committee of Supply on the Militia Estimates.

April 13th—SENATE—Rivière du Loup Bridge Co's Bill passed with several amendments. A number of Bills advanced a stage. Improper Use of Fire-arms Bill passed with amendment excepting soldiers, sailors, volunteers, constables and policemen on duty from its provisions.

COMMONS—Third reading Maritime Court Bill. After some objections by Mr. Jetté and Mr. Mitchell and explanations by Mr. Blake, House went into Committee of Supply on the Intercolonial Railway system. Mr. Mackenzie stated the total cost up to 30th June, 1876, to be \$22,732,083; of the St. John Extension to \$409,265, and Halifax Extension \$689,719.97. He explained a supplementary vote would be required, as the through traffic had increased so much they had been obliged to hire a large number of cars from the G. T. Railway.

April 14th—COMMONS—Mr. Laurier made a statement affecting the seat of Mr. J. M. Currier and asked that it be referred to