

April 21st—SENATE—Several Bills passed without amendment and others were advanced a stage.

COMMONS—2nd reading Ordnance and Admiralty Lands Bill. Com. of Supply.

April 23rd—SENATE—Insurance Bill passed by a vote of 43 to 13. To the Bill amending Joint Stock Companies Act, two amendments were made.

COMMONS—Motions were made for inquiry into the contracts for Intercolonial Railway, attacking the seats of Hon. Mr. Burpee and Mr. Moffat; referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections. Adjourned debate on Canada Pacific Rwy.

April 24th—SENATE—Reports received. Pilotage Bill agreed to. Several Bills from Commons read first time. Joint Stock Cos. Act agreed to with amendments.

COMMONS—Third reading Northern Railway Bill. Mr. Cartwright moved an amendment which was agreed to. Ordnance and Admiralty Lands Bill agreed to with amendment that all lands should, in future, when disposed of, be sold by auction. Mr. Cartwright brought in a bill changing close of fiscal year to 31st March. Mr. Holton thought the change might be useful and perhaps called for but a great deal of inconvenience would flow from it, one of which was that the estimates would have to be voted a year ahead every session; he thought so important a Bill should have been introduced earlier in the session. Dr. Tupper approved of the reasons for the change to a large extent, and thought it would involve an earlier meeting of Parliament which would be an advantage. In committee an amendment was added, providing for comparative statements, and the Bill as amended passed. Debate on Pacific Railway was resumed by Mr. Dymond, who said it was a matter of absolute necessity it should be constructed. He thought Canada had little conception generally of the ultimate value of B. Columbia; Canada would have to bear a heavy burden for a considerable length of time, but both as a matter of interest and of national good faith, the work must be accomplished, and the shameful word "reputation" never uttered. Mr. White, Mr. Langevin and Mr. Haggart followed in support of the motion, the last named saying, that from evidence taken before the Immigration Committee there was good arable land in the North West to maintain a population of forty millions, independent of Manitoba. After a prolonged debate the motion was negatived by a vote of 104 to 59. The supplementary estimates were presented by Mr. Cartwright, and the House adjourned.

April 25th—SENATE—Several Building and Loan Cos. bills passed with amendments. Northern Railway Bill read first time. Pilotage Bill passed. Also, Bill respecting Great Seals of Ontario and Quebec.

COMMONS—Northern Railway Cos. affairs under debate upon motion of Mr. Cameron amending the Bill, so as to secure a further payment to the Government of \$275,000. On the Bill for Auditing Public Accounts, Mr. Holton said he had doubts of the expediency of the change. He and other members thought it advisable the Bill should stand over till next session, but Mr. Cartwright objected and the Bill passed. Weights and Measures Bill passed, and House went into Committee of Supply.

April 26th—SENATE—Northern Railway Cos. Bill reported from committee and the amendments passed. Quebec Building Societies Bill passed with amendments. Committee on Pacific Railway Line from Keewatin westward reported in favor of an instrumental survey of the southern route during the summer of 1877. Pilotage Bill on a division was concurred in. Debate on Tariff resumed.

COMMONS—Indian Acts Amendment Bill withdrawn by Mr. Mackenzie. Second reading Customs and Excise Amendment Bill. Mr. Desjardis called attention to the unfairness of the sugar duties. Mr. Cartwright said it was not possible to consider the question at this period of the session. On motion for third reading, Mr. Rochester moved an amendment reducing the duty on malt from 2 to 1 ct. per pound. Mr. Cartwright promised to give his attention to the matter during the recess, and the Bill passed third time on a division. Second reading Independence of Parliament Act Amendment Bill, indemnifying members who had sat in the House under a *bona fide* belief they were qualified to sit, was carried by a vote of 97 to 45, read a third time and passed. House went into Committee of Supply.

April 27th—SENATE—A large number of bills, from Commons, read a first time and concurred in. The Bill respecting Auditing Public Accounts, changing fiscal year to March 31st, &c., was thrown out by a vote of 36 to 16. Several Bills were passed through committee, and amendments made to the Petroleum Inspection Bill; to the Weights and Measures Bill, and to the Ordnance and Admiralty Lands Bill.

COMMONS—Report of Civil Service Committee presented. Mr. Mackenzie moved the referring report to the Joint Committee on Printing with a view to its being printed, which was agreed to. House went into Committee of Supply, and passed items for Lighthouses, Pacific Railway and several others. On the Albert Railway Bill, sent down from the Senate with an amendment, on the question of concurrence with the amendment, Mr. Burpee moved the three months' hoist to the whole Bill, which was carried by a vote of 47 to 21, and the House went into Committee of Supply. Resolutions to appoint an Inspector of Indian Agencies, passed by a vote of 50 to 16. A large number of items of Supplementary Estimates also passed, and the Supply Bill was introduced, read first, second and third time and passed.

April 28th—SENATE—Supply Bill passed. Governor General came down, and Commons being summoned, the assent of the Crown was given to 85 Bills. The three Divorce Bills were reserved, and Parliament was prorogued.

COMMONS—Mr. Mackenzie made some explanations respecting Georgian Bay Railway. First and second Reports of Committee on Privileges and Elections were presented by Mr. Irving, when the messenger from his Excellency was announced. Sir John Macdonald objected to the door being opened until the report was read, as it was very important, but Mr. Speaker overruled the objection, and amid cries of Privilege, the door was opened, and Mr. Speaker went to attend His Excellency, and the House was prorogued.