

stamp).—Mr. MAOPARLANE in the Chair. This bill was discussed at considerable length in Committee, and a number of amendments were made.

The Committee reported the bill, which was ordered to be read a third time on the next Government day.

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD moved that there be an additional sitting of the House from 11 a.m. to one p.m., on Saturday, for Government orders; and an additional sitting on Monday from 10 a.m. to one p.m.—also for Government orders.—Carried.

The House then, at three o'clock a.m., adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, 1864.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

THIRD READING.

The following bills were reported from the Standing Committee on Private Bills:— Bill to incorporate the Lancaster Oil Company.

Bill to incorporate the Ophiu Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Marrington Canada Mining Company.

Bill to erect certain new Municipalities in the County of Drummond, by the names of Kingsley Falls and South Durham.

Bill to incorporate the Banker Hill Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Eastern Township Eldorado Gold and Copper Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the River Yaminae Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Magog Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Beauharolds, Chateauguay and Huntingdon Navigation Company.

Bill to incorporate the Ottawa River Navigation Company.

Bill to incorporate the St. Francis Mining and Smelting Company.

Bill to incorporate the Alliance Mining and Smelting Company.

Bill to incorporate the Stadacona Mining and Smelting Company.

Bill to incorporate the Halifax Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Carleton Mining Company.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

The SPEAKER announced messages from the Legislative Assembly with the following bills, which were read a first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House:

Bill to incorporate the Lower Canada Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Des Loups Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Kenosbec Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Canada Copper Company.

Bill to incorporate the Nicolet Antimony Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Yamaska Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Ascot Mining Company of Canada.

Bill to renew for a limited time the Provincial Grant for a Geological Survey of the Province.

INVITATION FROM HALIFAX, N. S.

The SPEAKER communicated to the House a letter he had received from the Mayor of Halifax, inviting the members, if they should accept the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of St. John, New Brunswick, to continue their trip to Halifax, and tendering them most warmly the hospitalities of the city.

Some conversation ensued, when it was understood that the Speaker should thank the Mayor and citizens for their courtesy, and say that at this advanced season of the year and after a protracted session, the members were so desirous of returning to their homes that they found themselves obliged to respectfully decline the invitation on this occasion.

SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time, and without debate, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills:

Halifax Gold Mining Company.—Hon. Mr. SANBORN.

British American Mining Association.—Hon. Mr. SANBORN.

South Ham Gold Mining Company.—Hon. Mr. SANBORN.

SEVEN O'CLOCK SITTING.

Hon. Sir E. P. TACHE moved that when the House adjourns it stands adjourned to eight o'clock this evening, and that the sitting

be considered a distinct sitting of the House. The House then adjourned.

The SPEAKER resumed the Chair at eight o'clock.—

SECOND READINGS.

The following bills then received their second readings, and were referred to the Private Bills Committee, on motion of the several honorable members who had them in charge:—

Bill to incorporate the Lower Canada Copper Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the River du Loup Gold Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Kenosbec Copper Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Nicolet Antimony Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Yamaska Mining Company.

Bill to incorporate the Escott Mining Company.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Hon. Sir E. P. TACHE moved the second reading of the bill to renew for a limited time the Provincial grant for a Geological Survey of the Province.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST inquired for what length of time the appropriation was to be made.

Hon. Sir E. P. TACHE stated, in reply, that it was to cover a period of five years.

The bill was read a second time.

On motion of Hon. Sir E. P. TACHE, it was then referred to a Committee of the Whole.

After going through the bill, the committee rose and reported it without amendment, and it was ordered for a third reading on Monday.

The House then adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25th, 1864.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at eleven o'clock.

After the presentation and reading of petitions and other routine business—

MILITIA AMENDMENT ACT.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD moved the third reading of the bill to amend the Act respecting the militia.—The hon. gentleman then read a paragraph to be added to the fourth clause providing for the payment of the volunteer force at the rate of fifty cents per day for every regular drill day.

Hon. Mr. ROSE suggested that the Government should give themselves power by this Act to make an allowance for the horses of the artillery.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD was understood to express his opinion that there was sufficient power under the law as at present.—The hon. gentleman then read another paragraph which he desired to add for the purpose of providing for the appointment of the Board of Examiners for volunteer officers.

The amendments in question were made.

Mr. J. B. E. DORION enquired whether the first amendment was intended to provide for payment in addition to what was already allowed by law?

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD—It is to regulate the distribution.

Mr. J. B. E. DORION moved to amend the 81st clause of the law of last session, relative to penalties for breach of the law. There was a discrepancy between the 79th and 81st clauses which he thought arose from an oversight in the Act; and it was desirable to reconcile this discrepancy.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD and Hon. J. S. MACDONALD argued that there was no such discrepancy.

Mr. J. B. E. DORION insisted that the question be put on his amendment.

The question was then put, and the amendment was lost on a division of 31 to 50.

Mr. J. B. E. DORION expressed his opinion that the clause in question (the 81st) required elucidation as to the nature of the offence to which the penalty therein mentioned was intended to apply. He would therefore move another amendment, in order to strike out a single word from the clause in question. He thought this slight amendment would suffice. This amendment was carried unanimously. The bill was then read a third time.

On motion of Hon. J. A. MACDONALD, the title was amended by adding the words, "and volunteer force," after the word "militia."

The bill then passed.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND BOARD OF AUDIT.

Hon. Mr. GALT moved the third reading of the bill to amend the law respecting the public accounts and the Board of Audit.

The bill was read a third time and passed—

several amendments being made by the hon. mover.

WAYS AND MEANS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GALT, the report of the Committee of Ways and Means (relative to

gauges and other home-made wines) was received and concurred in.

COLLECTION OF DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.

Hon. Mr. GALT introduced a bill to amend the last remaining duties of customs and the collection thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time, and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

RESUMPTION OF CERTAIN WORKS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GALT, the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the resolution respecting the resumption by the Government of certain work connected with the navigation of the St. Lawrence, now vested by acts of the Legislature, in the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, was received.

Hon. Mr. GALT introduced a bill to place the works in question under the control of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The bill was read a first and second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

NAVIGATION OF CANADIAN WATERS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GALT, the House went into Committee on the bill to amend the law respecting the navigation of Canadian waters—Mr. McKELLAR in the Chair.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GALT, the House went into Committee on the bill to revive and continue for a limited time the provision for the Geological Survey of this Province. Mr. T. F. ROUSSEAU in the Chair.

The Committee reported the bill without amendment.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

DRAWBACK ON SHIPS.

On the order being called for the House in Committee to consider of the expediency of substituting a fixed rate per ton in lieu of drawback now granted to ship-builders building ships in Quebec.

Hon. Mr. GALT moved that the order be discharged. He said he thought there was a good deal of difficulty in the way of a change at this late period of the session; and he did not therefore feel that it would be right to make a change at this time. The law would remain as it stood until next session.

Hon. Mr. HOLTUN thought the hon. Finance Minister was right in withdrawing the proposed change for the present. He questioned whether the Order in Council under the authority of which these remissions were made did not outrun the provisions of the act itself.

Hon. Mr. GALT said that, with regard to that point, he was unable to speak, it being one for the law officers of the Crown to settle, to whose consideration he would submit it.

The motion was then carried, and the order was accordingly discharged.

RAW HIDES AND LEATHER.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN moved the third reading of the bill to regulate the inspection of raw hides and leather (from Legislative Council).

Hon. Mr. ROSE said the law as it stood on the statute book was not really defective. It might it not be well to allow the bill to stand over till next session, that members might have an opportunity of considering its provisions fully? The measure had not been very long before the House. Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said the bill was introduced into the Upper House at the beginning of the session, where it was well discussed and amended. It had been now nearly a month before the Lower House; so that there had been full time for consideration of the details. He had consulted members on both sides, who had approved of the bill. He hoped no one would oppose the third reading, as amendments could be made next session if found necessary. The bill was not a compulsory measure. Under its operation, persons who wanted hides inspected might have this done; but they would not be bound to have hides inspected if they did not like.

Hon. Mr. ROSE asked if the leather inspectors of Quebec and Montreal had been consulted with reference to the provisions of this bill? He would suggest that the third reading be deferred, to give members an opportunity of more fully considering the measure. He had a letter from the Leather Inspector at Montreal stating that alterations or amendments had been suggested which it would take some time to put into proper shape; and he (Mr. Rose) also had an assurance from the Secretary of the Montreal Board of Trade, that no evil result could arise from a little delay in this matter. (Hear, hear.)

After some further conversation, the bill was read a third time and passed.

SALES BY THE JUSTICE, &c. (L.C.)

On motion of Hon. Mr. CARTIER, the House went into Committee on the bill to diminish the expenses of sales en justice, and of confirma-