

relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by her to obtain such separation, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between her and him, or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said wife of the said Andrew Maxwell Irving, and also whether at the time of the adultery of which he complains, she was by deed or otherwise by his consent living separately and apart from and released by him, as far as in him lay, from her conjugal duty, or whether she was at the time of such adultery, co-habiting with him and under the protection and authority of him as her husband.

The motion was agreed to on a division.

THE SPEAKERSHIP OF THE SENATE.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER rose to move

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty; praying for the amendment of the British North America Act, so as to enable the members of the Dominion Senate to elect their own Speaker.

After some remarks, by permission of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

LA BANQUE NATIONALE BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. BOLDUC moved the second reading of Bill (23) "An Act to reduce the capital stock of La Banque Nationale."

He said—This Bill provides for a reduction of forty per cent. It has been carefully studied by the Committee on Banking and Commerce in the House of Commons, where the following has been introduced as a third clause:—

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to lessen or impair the liability of the shareholders to the present creditors of the bank."

It will be seen that every precaution is taken to protect the interests of the creditors of the Bank. This step was necessitated by the Bank having suffered

a series of losses during the depression in the lumber trade.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the second time.

SECOND READING.

Bill (51) "An Act respecting the Federal Bank of Canada." (Mr. Macdonald, Midland).

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (11) "An Act to empower the Merchants Marine Insurance Company of Canada to relinquish its charter and provide for the winding up of its affairs." (Mr. Ferrier).

Bill (53) "An Act to make further provision respecting the Brantford, Waterloo & Lake Erie Railway Company." (Mr. MacCallum).

Bill (25) "An Act to confirm the charter of incorporation of the Great North-West Central Railway Company." (Mr. Clemow).

Bill (22) "An Act to incorporate the Great Eastern Insurance Company of Canada." (Mr. Power.)

Bill (74) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Kincardine and Teeswater Railway Company." (Mr. Read.)

The Senate adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

THE SENATE

Ottawa, Tuesday, April 17th, 1888.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

YORK FARMERS' COLONIZATION COMPANY'S BILL.

THIRD READING.

HON. MR. VIDAL, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported Bill (A) "An Act respecting the