

Her Majesty. As the point was an important one, he would suggest to his honourable friend to postpone the second reading, to allow time for debating that question in its legal aspects. As to the other point, he contended that the Bill was not of a nature to require that it should originate in committee, and quoted from English authorities as to certain banking and other Bills which affected trade as much as this one, but which it was held did not require to originate in committee.

Mr. Speaker said it was not for him to decide whether this was among the class of Acts which this Legislature could deal with according to the Union Act; but, as to the point of order, he must hold that insurance companies were not necessarily trading companies in the broad sense of the term "trade", which meant the importation and exportation of goods to market.

Hon. Mr. Rose in accordance with the suggestion of the leader of the Government, then moved that the debate be adjourned till Monday—Carried.

PENITENTIARIES

Sir John A. Macdonald moved a second reading of the Bill respecting Penitentiaries and the directors thereof, and for other purposes.

Mr. Mackenzie complained of the great expense of our Penitentiaries. They ought to be self-supporting, as in New York and elsewhere. At present the Kingston Penitentiary was seriously mismanaged. That mismanagement had been growing constantly, and was, he believed, mainly due to the inefficiency of the Warden, who, though he was an excellent man, was not the right man in the right place.

Sir John A. Macdonald said the gentleman at the head of the institution was a veteran—one who had long been in service, and had entered zealously on the discharge of his duties, and been very successful, except in making the institution self-paying.

Mr. Anglin had very little hope of such institutions being made quite self-sustaining; but he believed from experience that they might be made nearly so. It struck him that an extraordinary number of officials was provided for in the measure before the

House. The array of employees was really a most formidable one.

The Bill was read a second time and ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on Monday.

SECURITY TO BE GIVEN BY OFFICIALS

Sir John A. Macdonald moved the second reading of the Bill from the Senate respecting the security to be given by officers of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Dorion suggested that a clause should be inserted obliging every public officer every year to report whether his security remained good or not as originally entered into.

Sir John A. Macdonald said there was a clause compelling officers to report within one month in case of the death, bankruptcy, insolvency, or non-residence within the Dominion of their sureties.

Mr. Blake said there might be circumstances, when a change of sureties would be desirable, even though there had been no death, bankruptcy, or insolvency. Public officers ought to be obliged to furnish such change of surety on requisition of the Government.

Mr. Mackenzie knew several officers in the public service whose bondsmen were dead or gone, and in too many cases the bonds were not worth the paper they were written upon.

Col. Gray saw no reason why Sheriffs, although local officers, should not also be compelled to give security to some reasonable extent.

The Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on Monday.

OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

Sir John A. Macdonald moved the second reading of the Bill from the Senate, entitled, "An Act Respecting Commissions, and Oaths of Allegiance, and of Office". Carried.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING PUBLIC MATTERS

On motion of **Sir John A. Macdonald** the Bill from the Senate respecting enquiries concerning public matters, was read a second time, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Monday.