

## THE SENATE

Thursday, March 26, 1868.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

After routine:

### GRANTS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

**Hon. Mr. Ryan** enquired of the Government whether any arrangement had been made for the payment of the usual grants which had been appropriated in aid of charitable institutions which had gone into arrears owing to the change of the fiscal year from January to July. These appropriations had never been received, although included in the annual grant.

**Hon. Mr. Campbell** said this matter had come under the consideration of the Government, and it was their intention to insert an item, to pay these grants, which were accidentally omitted on account of the change in the fiscal year. It being the evident intention of the late Canadian Parliament to pay these grants, the amount would be refunded by the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

**Hon. Mr. McCully** said this House should have the assurance that this amount would be charged to those Provinces, on account of the amount received by them as indemnity.

**Hon. Mr. Campbell** said there was no doubt but this amount would be paid, and there could be no objection to putting it to their credit.

### SALARIES OF JUDGES.

**Hon. Mr. McCrea** enquired whether it was the intention of Ministers to introduce a Bill regulating the salaries, allowances and pensions of the Judges of the Superior, District and County Courts, under the 100th section of "The British North America Act," during the present Session, and if so, whether the same will be retro-actory, so as to affect Judges who resigned their offices before the first day of July last.

**Hon. Mr. Campbell** replied that it would be necessary to have a bill passed to regulate those salaries, but he did not know whether the Government would be able to introduce a bill for that purpose during the present Session or not; neither could he state what the bill would be, as to the effect it would have in

regard to Judges who had resigned their offices before the first of July last. He hoped to be able before many days to inform the House whether or not the Government would be able to introduce such a bill during the present Session.

### NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

**Hon. Mr. Dickey** enquired whether it was the intention of the Government to submit, during the present Session, any measure for the postponement or abolition of the postage on newspapers.

**Hon. Mr. Campbell** replied that it was not the intention of Government to introduce any measure for that purpose.

### REPORTING DEBATES.

**Hon. Mr. Hazen** said that as the report of the Printing Committee in reference to the publication of official debates, was not to be brought before the House to-day, he would beg leave to allow his amendment, "That it is not advisable in the present state of the finances of the Dominion, that a sum estimated at \$24,000 and upwards, should be applied out of the consolidated revenue of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, for reporting the speeches of Hon. Senators in questions before this House," to stand over until the Report of the Printing Committee was taken up. He said he had no objection to paying a small amount for some reasonable abstract of the debates, if any such proposition was brought forward. He could not see why it was that the reports given in the newspapers were not satisfactory to the House.

**Hon. Mr. McCully** said that his hon. friend had copied the opinion expressed by the chairman of the Committee on Printing, that the probable expense of publishing the debates would amount to double the estimated cost of \$12,000. He (Mr. McCully) had, upon enquiry, received information which was entirely reliable, that it would be impossible for the expense to be beyond \$12,000. Under the arrangements made the sum is fixed by tenders.

First on behalf of the reporter, and secondly, on behalf of the publishers, so that while it may be less than \$12,000, it is impossible for it to be more.

**Hon. Mr. Hazen** said he supposed his hon. friend had derived his information from some person who was interested in having the debates published.