

May 23, 1874

### RESOLUTIONS DROPPED

The resolutions of **Mr. MILLS** with respect to the constitution of the Senate were dropped.

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### PACIFIC RAILWAY

**Mr. De COSMOS** asked if the Government intended to secure the commencement of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in British Columbia within the year 1874; if so, when? If not, why not? (*Laughter.*)

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE:** The Government have already stated at least half a dozen times in the House that the road could not be commenced until the surveys were completed. The surveys are not completed, and the Government cannot tell when they will be completed; but I have no idea they can be completed by the end of this year. That is the reason "why"; as to "when", that, of course, depends upon the previous part of the answer. (*Hear, hear, and laughter.*)

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### ARBITRARY DISMISSALS

**Mr. CARON** moved for correspondence, et cetera, in reference to the dismissal of Mr. H.J. Chaloner, of Quebec, as shipping master. He explained that Mr. Chaloner received his appointment on the 27th October last, and was dismissed in February last. He understood that the Premier said no appointment made on the 27th October last would be cancelled, and he wished to know why an exception was made in the case of Mr. Chaloner.

**Hon. Mr. SMITH (Westmorland)** said Mr. Chaloner was dismissed because his appointment was unnecessary. The late Government appointed two gentlemen at \$1,600 a year each, to perform duties which had been efficiently performed by one before at a salary of twelve hundred dollars. That official had been superannuated. The present Government had simply restored the former officer, and the duties were being efficiently performed. He regretted that the motion had not been moved earlier in the session.

The motion was carried.

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### THE AMNESTY QUESTION

**Mr. MOUSSEAU** moved a resolution for an Address to Her Majesty praying that a general amnesty be granted to all persons charged with offenses committed during and in connection with the disturbances which occurred in Manitoba in the winter of 1869-1870.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** held that the motion was out of order, as the necessary two days' notice had not been given.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** said it was absolutely necessary to go on with the private bills in order to send them up to the Senate.

**The SPEAKER** ruled the motion out of order on the ground of insufficient notice.

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### THIRD READINGS

The following Private Bills were read a third time and passed:—

To enable the Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Company to build a bridge over the Ottawa River.—**Hon. Mr. ABBOTT.**

To incorporate the Central Canada Telegraph Company.—**Mr. SMITH (Selkirk).**

To incorporate the Great North West Railway Company.—**Mr. O'DONOHUE.**

To authorize corporations incorporated without the limits of Canada to lend and invest therein.—**Mr. WALKER.**

To incorporate the Ottawa Loan and Investment Co.—**Mr. CAMERON (Ontario South).**

To incorporate the International Express Co.—**Mr. JETTÉ.**

To amend the Act 27 Vic., Cap. 49, incorporating the Lower Canada Investment and Agency Co. (Limited).—**Hon. Mr. ABBOTT.**

To define and extend the powers of the Western Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society, and to authorize the shareholders to change the name of the said Society.—**Mr. KIRKPATRICK.**

To define and extend the powers of the Canada Permanent Building and Savings Society, and to authorize the shareholders to change the name of the said Society.—**Mr. MOSS.**

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### DOMINION LANDS ACT

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE**, in moving concurrence in the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill respecting Dominion Lands in Manitoba, pointed out that he was of opinion the Upper House had exceeded its power in increasing the grant of land to certain persons from 140 to 160 acres. Mr. Trudel, however, disagreed with him, and he did not wish to move disagreement with the amendments of their Honours unless he was quite certain.

After some remarks from **Hon. Mr. HOLTON** and **Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD**, the amendments were concurred in without waiver of the rights of this House.

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### PRIVATE BILLS

On the motion of **Hon. Mr. HOLTON**, reporting from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, the Bill to incorporate the Hopewell Shipbuilding Company was passed through Committee, read a third time and passed.