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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 19, 1873

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers

IMMIGRATION REPORT

Hon. Mr. CARLING submitted the report of the Committee on Immigration, which was read at the table. He also moved the adoption of the report, and its reference to the Committee on Printing with a view to its being printed for general distribution.—Before the adoption of the report,

Mr. TROW said that although appointed by the Right Hon. Premier to this Committee his name had not been placed upon the list, and although very anxious to be present, he had not had the opportunity, not having been notified of the meeting. He complained that from the counties of Waterloo, Perth, and Huron, a great many people were emigrating to the Western States of the Union simply from the want of information as to the resources of our great North-west. He would have recommended, had he had an opportunity in Committee, that persons acquainted with that portion of our territories should lecture in these counties upon its productive powers and the other qualities which make it desirable as a place to which to emigrate. The United States had several agents in these counties for the purpose of inducing immigration to their country, who were engaged in distributing pamphlets. He had spoken to the chairman of the committee on this subject, who advised him to bring it before the House.

Mr. MILLS pointed out an obstacle in the way of emigration, and that was the want of freedom in the profession of medicine. Apothecaries and doctors, no matter how well qualified in their profession, could not practice here without passing through another course of study and examinations, the result was that if this class of men came to this country at all, they very soon left for the United States where more freedom was allowed. He thought that society was quite able to take care of itself, and needed no protection of this sort.

The report was then adopted.

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PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. STEPHENSON moved the adoption of the sixth report of the Printing committee.

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PACIFIC RAILWAY

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE called attention to the fact that in connection with the Pacific Railway papers Mr. Kersteman's letter was recommended by the Committee not to be printed. He thought the letter should have been printed, as it formed part of the narrative; and if the Committee refused to print it, he would have to take means to have it printed in the journals.

The report was allowed to stand over.

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NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOL LAW

Hon. Mr. ANGLIN in the absence of Mr. Costigan, asked what had been done by the Government in the matter of the New Brunswick School Act.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: I beg to state to the House that the resolution adopted the other day respecting the New Brunswick School Law, was duly laid before his Excellency the Governor General, and I have now by command of his Excellency to state that he is asked by one branch of the Parliament of Canada to exercise the Royal Prerogative by disallowing certain Acts of the New Brunswick Legislature. It is stated that these Acts were passed for the purpose of legalizing certain assessments made under the School Act of 1871, and were an amendment to that Act. The object sought in getting these Acts disallowed is to give the parties complaining of the School Act an opportunity of bringing that act before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Now His Excellency has already been instructed by Her Majesty's Government that, in the opinion of the law officers of the Crown in England, the Act in question was within the competency of the Legislature of New Brunswick. That being the case, His Excellency deems it his duty to apply to Her Majesty's Government for further instructions. I have further to state that the Government, considering the importance of this matter and the manner in which it affects a large portion of Her Majesty's subjects in the Province of New Brunswick, are prepared to come down to Parliament and ask for a vote of money to defray the expenses of those who desire to have the matter laid before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in England.