

BRITISH SUBJECTS ABROAD

Mr. Stephenson moved for correspondence as to the status, etc., abroad of British subjects materialized in any of the provinces of the Dominion. Carried.

THE "GAZETTE DE SOREL"

Mr. McCarthy moved an address for statement of all accounts rendered to the Government by the proprietor of the "Gazette de Sorel," and the amount paid. Carried.

ARMS FROM IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Masson (Terrebonne) moved for returns as to the arms, accoutrements, etc., purchased by the Government of the late Province of Canada from the Imperial Government. Carried.

COURT OF APPEAL

In reply to **Mr. Blake**,

Sir John A. Macdonald said it was not the intention of the Government during the present session to establish a Court of Appeal in the terms of the Union Act. The subject was of great importance—of such importance as to induce the Government to postpone the introduction of the measure until the matter could be considered in all its bearings; and there were so many matters of pressing necessity now before the Government, that this had not yet received the attention which would warrant them in dealing with it. The Government would take it into consideration during recess, and he hoped to have a satisfactory measure next session.

Mr. Blake—I understand the honourable gentleman to announce that it is the policy of the Government to establish such a Court.

Sir John A. Macdonald—Yes, certainly.

RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC

On motion of **Mr. Macfarlane**—The Bill for the better regulation of the traffic on railways and canals was read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways.

COUNTY LIMITS

On motion of **Mr. Godin**—the Bill to change the limits of the Counties of Joliette and Berthier for electoral purposes, was read a second time and referred to a Select Committee.

THE ACT RESPECTING THE STATUTES

On motion of **Mr. Mills**—The Bill to amend an Act of the present session instituted, an Act respecting the Statutes of Canada, by correcting a clerical error in the same, was read a second time.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILROAD SURVEY

Mr. Mackenzie, before the orders of the day were called, wished to inquire whether it was the intention of the Government to bring down any further information with regard to the survey of the Intercolonial Railroad. He understood the Engineer-in-Chief was in the city, and he thought this House should be put in possession of whatever information could be given as early as possible, as some members might desire, before the session ended, to express an opinion on it.

Sir J. A. Macdonald said he would answer the question to-morrow.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Rose announced that he would proceed to make his financial statement at three o'clock to-morrow.

RIVER SYDENHAM NAVIGATION

The House resumed the adjournment debate on **Mr. Mill's** motion for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the River Sydenham.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said he did not think this Bill would accomplish its object. The Government would support the motion which he understood the member for Kent (**Mr. Stephenson**) was to move—the six month's hoist.

Mr. Mills said this announcement was very extraordinary after the Minister of Justice had informed the House that the Bill should have a second reading and go to a Special Committee. The object of the Bill was to open the navigation of the River Sydenham by a single process. He did not think if Government undertake to remove the obstruction they could do it for five times the value of the timber obstructing the stream.

Mr. Stephenson repeated what he had said in the previous debate that those interested in the navigation of the Sydenham were opposed to the Bill, and read some letters to that effect.