

THE STANLEY AND WINTER COMMUNICATION WAS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE

The Western Members Ably Defend the Western Route and the Capes Ferry And Those from the East Think Georgetown the Best Winter Port—Agricultural Matters and the Dom. Packing Company are Also Considered.

should be put on their routes and let the other steamers run if they see fit. For the last twenty years the last trips of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had been about Dec. 9. He, too, was pleased to hear from the mover that the Dominion Packing Company had been let slip. There had been a great deal of alarm at the time. Had it been submitted there was not a constituency in the Province who would have returned a supporter of the Government. The company was an excellent one and we welcome them here but to guarantee their bonds would have killed the Government. Why did not the Commissioner of Agriculture ascertain the feelings of the Institute throughout the country. There is no proof that the D. P. Company have put a cent into the concern except the \$10,000 earnest money. They borrowed the whole amount at Montreal by means of the order in council given by the Government.

PREMIER PETERS—Mr. Wiley has himself put in \$70,000 into the concern. Mr. McLean continuing said that the Government were not elected to give a guarantee to any Company. He claimed that strangers should not get a preference over men who had been doing business here for half a century.

GEORGE W. SIMPSON was the next speaker. He referred to the different clauses of the address and spoke eloquently of the happy union of the English and French races which augured well for a happy blending of the nations involved in the late war. Speaking of the Fishery Award he congratulated the Premier upon the able brief he had prepared. The fishery bounty had not been accepted as the equivalent of the interest on the Fishery Award. We do not consider we are getting our due and if we obtained our Fishery Award we could more than pay our bounties and still we should get our bounty from the Dominion. While discussing the question of Agriculture, Mr. Simpson touched on the Dairy industry, the possibilities of fruit growing in which the farmer can make as much as the average farmer does now on his whole farm at present. The speaker defended the officers of the winter boats from the severe criticism which they had received. In his opinion the route to Summerside would not be a success this winter. Mr. Simpson was still speaking when the House adjourned at one o'clock.

Mr. McLEAN then resumed the debate on the motion to go into committee. He asked the honorable member from Bedouque (Mr. Read) for an explanation regarding the Stanley's flight. Mr. READ explained that through freight rates had been arranged for but they did not come into force till a day or two before the boat stopped. The rate on the Stanley was a cent per cat higher than Minto rate. Mr. Stumbles sent a telegram to have this taken off. But then there was no time to handle freight as she had no special trains to connect with her. The statement then that no rates had been arranged was incorrect. Mr. McLEAN continuing, quoted the letter of Mr. Holman in proof of the fact that the boat was used to small effect at Summerside. He strongly deprecated the condemning of every official sent down to inquire into the service. When Mr. Read claimed as he did at Emerald that he knew more about the Straits ice than Captains Finlayson and Brown he lessened in a great degree the weight of his other remarks. The speaker recommended the appointment of a committee by the Board of Trade and Government with the Premier for the time being as chairman to control the service in winter. He pointed out the difference in the eastern and the western straits. In the latter section the danger of being crushed between board and ruffled ice is much greater. As sensible men we have a right to make known to the Dominion Government what we want under the present conditions. To his mind the Georgetown-Pictou route is the best. On Dec. 1 the boats



THE STANLEY COPING WITH SEA COW HEAD ICE. PHOTO BY MEMBER OF GUARDIAN STAFF.

AFTERNOON SESSION. House resumed its sitting at 3.20. Mr. SIMPSON concluded his speech on the address.

Mr. CURRIE followed in his maiden speech in the House. After referring briefly to different clauses in which he was principally interested. Apart from Professor Robertson he did not think much could be learned from the theorists from Ottawa. Our own practical men could give us much better advice. One of those experts in particular had twitted us on our crooked potato drills. It would be much better for them to have good seed sent us from Ontario. The Commissioner should take steps to stop the importation of bad seed. He gave credit to the Board of Trade for our recent Exhibition as well as for the release of our winter steamers. The Commissioner should have consulted the Institutes regarding the Exhibition question as he should also have done with the guarantee of bonds. The Rocky Point ferry service also came in for criticism. Men sometimes had to wait there for three hours in the middle of the day for a trip of the boat.

Mr. McKINNON thought the speech promises little work for the session. The year past has been noted for its delegations. He did not see that much good would result from these trips. Many farmers had been published for non-payment of taxes and afterwards it was found they had receipts in full. Hon. Mr. ROGERS recalled the long debates in former times on the Address

the first clauses of the Address claimed that the farmers were in a more prosperous condition than ever before. Where such is the case other lines must also be correspondingly successful. He was pleased to see the opposition admit that the D. P. Company had introduced a good industry. The question of the bonds has very properly been discussed throughout the country. It was a great thing to have such a company established in our province. The pork business has never been so successful as in the past year. The people will not subscribe money themselves so it has to be brought in from other parts. The business has been started in a way highly gratifying. The people want a reliable cold storage system. The D. P. Company will have such for themselves and the only thing now is whether the farmers want a claim upon it or not. Cold storage would be a great boon to our island and those who will establish such should not be black-guarded so long as they do their business in an honorable way. If others come in, of equal means and capital—Davis & Fraser or any others—they will be received with open arms. The question of winter communication is one of the most important because of changed conditions. The farmers bring in their produce later in the season than formerly. The old boats were all right in their time, but now there is more work in the fall for them to do. We should have another boat of greater strength. Boats can be obtained, he was led to believe, that could make trips to Charlottetown during the whole winter. Considering the many factors with which the Government had to deal they

DELEGATIONS ON THE TARIFF

At Ottawa Representing Opposing Interests Cotton Men Want 25 to 35 Per Cent While Farmers Oppose Any Increase, or Subsidies to Railways.

OTTAWA March 25.—(Special)—The cotton men are talking over the tariff and classification matters. Before the week passes the delegation will say exactly what they want. They think the minimum protection on cheap goods should be 25 per cent, and on the finer lines 30 to 35 per cent.

ARMY'S DELEGATION AND TARIFF. The Delegation of the Canadian Farmers' Association opposes any increase in the tariff. They say this cannot be done without adding cost to maintaining their families and carrying on their operations on their farms and the burdens already imposed by the tariff are heavy enough. The delegates also oppose granting any subsidies to railways.

have done remarkably well. The fishermen to whom the member for Sour's, (Mr. McLean) had referred would have their interests considered by the Government as favorably as any others on the Island. The Government could not make arrangements for freight with the N. B. and P. E. Island Railway to the freight carried was not large. But for the accident regular communication would be kept up all winter. The route has not been properly tested as the boat has not been in condition for two years. Capt. McElhenney pointed out that the boat was not in a condition for fighting ice promptly. He recommended that the Stanley be sent to England for repairs. The Government demanded of their agent, Mr. (Stevens) Halifax, why the ship was in such condition after the expenditure of \$10,000 the previous year. He replied she was in as good a condition as ever and so she was not sent to England; and the Summerside Board of Trade and Capt. McElhenney were turned down. The boat was not in condition for work last fall and to that is due the loss and trouble of the present year. The system of managing the boats was at fault. The Department will do what is right if things are presented in the proper way. Dr. DOUGLAS took objection to the re-

THE LAND BILL IS INTRODUCED

By Secretary Wyndham in a Crowded House Government Will Advance \$60,000, 000 at 3-1-4 Per Cent to Tenants to Purchase Their Holdings.

LONDON March 25.—(Special)—The Irish Secretary today introduced the Irish Land Bill. It promises a free grant of 20 million dollars for the purposes of the Bill. There was a crowded House, the Peers' Gallery and the Distinguished Strangers being filled.

BOTH CASE AND CREDIT. Mr. Wyndham at the outset announced that the Government thought cash aid necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme but attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation. ADVANCES TO BE MADE TO TENANTS. He unfolded the scheme which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by tenants, advances to be in the shape of cash and not stock. OTHER FEATURES OF THE BILL. The Bill provides that tenants shall pay 3 1/2 per cent interest on the loans from the Government, that untenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants, and that three Commissioners shall supervise the sales.

marks of his colleague (Mr. Currie) regarding the Rocky Point ferry and showed how the service had been improved. The Farmers' Institutes had been of great benefit. Means should be taken to prevent the importation of bad seed. Dr. Douglas also discussed briefly the representation and winter communication questions, and favored the Capes route for both summer and winter. The winter steamers should be controlled by men who knew the local conditions. He hoped to see the telegraph service improved. He hesitated over the question of consolidation of the laws and thought the matter should be carefully considered. MR. A. J. McDONALD continued the debate dealing principally with the question of winter communication. He contended that the western route would never be a feasible one and defended the eastern route that had been successful for the past twenty years. When the Conserva-

FOUR FISHERMEN LOST AT SEA

From Gloucester Schooner Arrived at Yarmouth Enough Strychnine to Kill Found in Candy Sent to Ghiverton—Montreal's Dull Stock Market

FOUR MEN PROBABLY SHOWN. HALIFAX, March 25.—(Special)—The Gloucester schooner arrived at Yarmouth with her flag at half-mast for the supposed loss of four men who went astray from the vessel Monday afternoon on Brown's Bank. NAMES OF THE MEN. The lost men are Peter Jeffrey, John White, Albert Johnson and Oliver Cotreau. The vessel made diligent search for them without success.

FOUND STRYCHNINE IN CANDY. TORONTO, March 25.—(Special)—The Government analyst found sufficient strychnine in the candy sent to George Chiverton, the Dalhousie bank robber, to cause death. A DULL STOCK MARKET. MONTREAL, March 25.—(Special)—There was very little activity in the Stock Market to-day. Iron, common, sold at 32, preferred at 70 and Coal at 115.

tives were in power, the best men had charge of the service regardless of politics, because they were the best men. He instanced cases in recent years where men had been appointed and dismissed solely for political reasons. Mr. McDonald was still speaking when the House adjourned at six o'clock till ten this morning.

CHICAGO MARKETS. CHICAGO, March 25.—(Special)—May Wheat 72; Corn, 43; Pork, \$17.95. July Wheat 70; Corn, 43; Pork, —

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