

apply to contracts in this Province under the control of the Dominion Government.

Mr. ROBINSON did not think they could legislate to affect those contracts.

Mr. PAXTON thought both Bills should go to Committee.

Mr. LAUDER pointed out cases in which the Liens Act had not worked advantageously. He thought the law should be amended so as to compel parties before taking out a lien to swear that their claim was in danger.

Mr. ROSS said if the ten per cent. provision in the Bill of the hon. member for Kingston (Mr. Robinson) prevented contractors from completing their work, such contractors could not be in a solvent condition. This Bill, he thought, was a step in the right direction, and might with advantage be adopted. The Bill of the hon. member for Ottawa contained objectionable features, and he thought it would be well to refer both Bills to a Committee.

Mr. BELL said he was heartily in favour of the Bill of the hon. member for Kingston, as it was a very common occurrence for the rights of mechanics and sub-contractors to be entirely overlooked.

The motion was carried, and the Bill referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Crooks, Cole, O'Donoghue, Bell, Baker, Hodgins, Macdougall (Middlesex), Robinson, Scott, Clarke (Wellington), and Meredith.

Mr. O'DONOGHUE moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act of 1873.

The motion was carried, and the Bill referred to the same Select Committee as Mr. Robinson's Bill on the same subject.

WINDING UP OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

On motion of Mr. MOWAT, the House went into Committee on the Bill respecting the winding up of Joint Stock Companies, Mr. Clarke (Wellington) in the chair.

Several clauses were adopted with unimportant verbal amendments, and the Committee rose and reported.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN ONTARIO.

Mr. MOWAT moved the second reading of the Bill to extend the Religious Institutions Act to the Church of England in Ontario. Carried.

MARITIME COURT IN ONTARIO.

Mr. MOWAT moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the Maritime Court of Ontario. He explained that the Bill was intended to provide that the Maritime Court should have the use of the County Court-houses for its sessions.

Mr. CAMERON said that it was hardly right that the county of York and the city of Toronto should be obliged to supply a Court-house for the benefit of the whole Province of Ontario. There was, he believed, only one Maritime Court in the Province—that presided over by Judge Mackenzie—so that the county of York would have to maintain a court for all that business.

Mr. MOWAT said that the Bill applied not only to the county of York, but to any county in the Province, and it was quite likely that as the business extended a number of other courts would be required. The amount of expense involved would be very small indeed.

Mr. MACDOUGALL (Simcoe) said the Maritime Court was a Dominion Court, and took cognizance of cases of a Dominion character. He did not see the reasons why the Attorney-General should be in such a hurry to make provision for a Dominion Court, but it certainly seemed to indicate a very friendly feeling between the two Governments. He thought that the Province should bear the expense and not the county of York.

After some conversation,

Mr. CALVIN expressed the opinion that the sittings of the Court should be held at the most convenient place along the frontier. If it were held in Frontenac he would guarantee that no charge would be made

for the use of the Court-house. (Laughter and cheers.)

The motion was carried and the Bill read the second time.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

After recess,

Mr. PATTERSON (Essex) called the attention of the Speaker to the fact that there was not a quorum present.

The House adjourned at 7:40.