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The POSTMASTER-GENERAL moved the second reading of "a Bill to impose stamp duties." It was not, he said, his intention to occupy the time of the House in making any remarks upon this measure, further than to say he regretted there should be any necessity for the imposition of such duties. Of course, it would be idle for him to give any analysis of the Bill, which was a very lengthy one. He hoped there would not be any attempt made to alter the Bill; for though under the Constitution Act the Legislative Council might have the right of altering the Bill, still to claim the right might give rise to much discussion. But there was another objection to any amendment being made upon the Bill, and it was this—that any amendment that might be made by the Legislative Council would have to be considered by the Legislative Assembly, by which House the Bill had already been passed. If the Bill were returned with any amendment to that House, considerable discussion might be occasioned, which, at this late period of the session, it was desirable to avoid, as it would have the effect of retarding the Bill.

The motion was then agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.