

BANK OF AGRICULTURE

After the recess.

Mr. Macfarlane introduced a Bill to incorporate the Bank of Agriculture, second reading for Monday next.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. Rose was going to allude to the point raised by the member for Grey, when

Mr. Mackenzie said as discussion was inevitable on this point, and as the member for Cornwall, who would desire, no doubt, to take part in it, is not in his place, he (Mr. Mackenzie) would suggest that they should discuss the matter on the question of concurrence.

Hon. Mr. Rose agreed.

In reply to **Mr. Young**

Hon. Mr. Rose stated that in future the Government did not intend to pay the railway passage of immigrants who were brought out to the country and helped by having their passage paid on the Grand Trunk and who, in numerous cases, went and settled in the Western States.

The item for quarantine establishment expenses at Grosse Isle, and salaries of Inspecting officers at Quebec, \$18,000 was passed, also quarantine expenses at Halifax and Saint John \$7,000.

On the item \$21,958 for salaries for marine and immigrant hospitals, Quebec.

Mr. Blake maintained that the Dominion was here providing for immigrant hospitals and other things obviously pertaining to the local Governments. With the marine hospitals the Dominion had to do, but not with other things.

Hon. Mr. Chauveau thought it was illiberal to object to an hospital like the marine hospital, the support of which certainly pertained to the Dominion. It seemed to him that honourable gentleman objected more because this charity was in the Province of Quebec than for any other reason. The sum granted to this charity was but \$1,000.

Mr. Blake objected to giving any sum which the Dominion was not justly entitled to give.

Dr. Parker thought it would have been more satisfactory if, in this matter, the

Government had given a statement of the number of sailors taken to these hospitals, as distinguished from the number of inhabitants sent there from Quebec City and the country round.

Hon. Mr. Rose replied that the hospital in question was undoubtedly a Dominion institution, but he would add that if it were found that in carrying out these objects the Dominion and Local Governments could use the same machinery, then he would be prepared to do what he could in the way of economy.

Mr. Mackenzie thought that if the estimates had been prepared with more care, these discussions might have been avoided.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin explained that the Marine Hospital was not in the slightest degree under the control of the Province of Quebec. It was a Dominion institution.

Mr. Young said the vote here asked for Government was unconstitutional, as they could not vote money for charitable purposes. Any vote given by that House could only be for marine purposes.

The item was carried; also item \$900 for salaries and maintenance of Marine Hospital at Saint John.

On the item \$5,000 for maintenance of sick and disabled seamen sent to the General Hospital, N.S., it was explained that there was no Marine Hospital there, and hence the General Hospital had been used.

Mr. Mackenzie alluded to the admirable first class marine hospitals established along the lakes by the United States, and suggested that some such system would be a great improvement on the present one.

The item passed.

The votes for shipwrecked and disabled seamen in Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, for the humane establishment at Sable Island, and for sundry hospitals and other charitable institutions were also agreed to.

On the item for militia and gun-boats, **Hon. Mr. Cartier** explained that any of the expenditure included under this head incurred in the late Province of Canada before the 1st of July, 1867, would be charged against Ontario and Quebec.

In reply to **Mr. Masson**, Terrebonne,

Hon. Mr. Cartier said the statutory appropriation for the Deputy Adjutant General of