

printers, we shall have the French copy. Large demands have been made by members and by parties outside of the House—manufacturers and workingmen and workingmen's associations and others—for copies of the Bill, and we require to get the authority of the House for the printing. About 500 copies will be required. I move that 500 extra copies of the Factory Bill be printed for general distribution.

Mr. SPEAKER. This motion goes to the Printing Committee without being put.

#### FLOODS ON THE RICHELIEU RIVER.

Mr. BÉCHARD asked, Has the Government received any petitions or memorials from riparian owners on the Richelieu River complaining that the piers constructed in the said river, near the Town of St. John, by the Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly Railway Company, raise the waters of the said river, and that their lands are consequently flooded, and praying for relief? If so, have any measures been adopted or are any measures to be adopted for the relief of the petitioners?

Mr. POPE. There have been some petitions received, but the Government have not come to any decision in reference to the matter.

#### EXPORTS OF CANADIAN PRODUCE.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, What is the total amount of goods the produce of Canada (not including short returns) exported from the 1st July, 1884, to the 1st March, 1885? Total amount of same goods exported from 1st July, 1883, to 1st March, 1884?

Mr. BOWELL. The total amount of goods the produce of Canada, exported from the 1st July, 1883, to the 1st of March, 1884, was \$56,861,122, and from the 1st July, 1884, to the 1st March, 1885, \$56,347,281.

#### LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IN ESSEX.

Mr. LISTER asked, Have License Commissioners been appointed under the McCarthy Act for the county of Essex for the current year? If so, state name and date of appointment of each commissioner.

Mr. COSTIGAN. No new appointment has been made. If any changes have taken place, it will be with regard to the second commissioner, who might be the warden of the county. He would be subject to election, and there might be a new commissioner without any departmental action.

#### INSPECTOR OF WOODSTOCK, N.B., DOMINION BUILDINGS.

Mr. IRVINE asked, Who was the inspector of Dominion building in Woodstock, N.B., during its construction? What was the date of his appointment, also salary received up to date, and the rate per day? Is he still employed on said building?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The inspector of works was Mr. J. P. Fletcher who was appointed on the 1st June, 1883. The salary paid to date is \$1,575. The rate of payment is \$75 a month. He is still employed, as the fittings and the heating apparatus are not quite complete. His services will be dispensed with at the end of the month when the work is completed.

Mr. MACKENZIE. When will the general return asked for as to the names and salaries of all inspectors of public works be brought down.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I suppose it is being prepared now. I will enquire.

Mr. BERGIN.

Mr. MACKENZIE. It was moved for three weeks ago, I think.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. It has not been brought down?

Mr. MACKENZIE. No.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I will enquire.

#### INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

Mr. BERGIN, on the Order for Committee of the Whole to consider resolutions to provide for the appointment of inspectors and medical inspectors of factories, being read, said: I propose to ask the Government to allow this to stand, for the reason that until the principle of the Factory Bill is affirmed by the House, it cannot be discussed. As this Bill is a very important one, and is looked upon with very great interest by the country, and is a Bill which is looked for with great anxiety by the manufacturers and by the working classes, I would ask the First Minister and the permission of the House, that on Wednesday next it should be made the first Order of the Day. This would ensure its being carried through this Session, and, I know, would give very great satisfaction both to the House and to the country.

Mr. BLAKE. If it stands in its present priority it will come up first next Wednesday.

Mr. BERGIN. No, it would not; there will be so many before it.

Mr. BLAKE. The hon. gentleman should observe it is at present a Notice of Motion.

Mr. BERGIN. The motion cannot be discussed until the principle of the Bill is affirmed.

Mr. BLAKE. I understood it was the motion the hon. gentleman was speaking of.

Mr. BERGIN. No, it is the Bill; I want the Bill to be made the first Order of the Day for Wednesday next, or Wednesday evening; and when the principle of the Bill is affirmed by the House, as I feel it will be, then the motion can be discussed in its usual place.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There can be no objection if it is the general consent of the House.

Mr. BERGIN. I will move, therefore, that Bill (No. 85) respecting factories, be the first Order of the Day for Wednesday evening next.

Motion agreed to.

#### MILITARY MAGAZINE AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

Mr. WELDON moved for:

Return of all properties owned by the Government for military purposes in New Brunswick, disposed of or leased since the transfer from the Imperial Government; the parties to whom sold and at what price, and as to leased properties, to whom leased, for what period and at what rents.

He said: I wish to call the attention of the Department to the situation of the powder magazine at Fort Howe, in the city of Portland, N. B., coterminous with the city of St. John. Many years ago the barracks were situated at that place, and after the barracks were moved to their present situation at the lower end of the town, the magazines were stationed there, and during the time the Imperial troops were stationed at St. John the magazines were guarded by the military. After the Imperial troops departed the guard, of course, was taken away, but the magazines remained. Since then, as appears from the answer to a question put in the House by myself, one of the magazines is let to private parties. Now the firm to whom it is leased is, no doubt, highly respectable, and probably, so far as the head of that