

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said that all information in the possession of the Government should be supplied.

Mr. FORTIN asked that if it was found that the Government could not give the particulars this year, they would do what was necessary to see that the particulars were obtained in future.

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PENSIONS

Hon. Mr. HUTCHISON moved an address for the names of all officers pensioned from 1st July 1871 to 1 April 1872.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS referred the mover to a statement already before the House which contained the information asked for.

Hon. Mr. HUTCHISON said he would consult the statement referred to.

Motion allowed to stand.

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ABSTRACTION OF MONEY LETTERS FROM HALIFAX POST OFFICE

Hon. Mr. HUTCHISON moved for copies of all correspondence relative to the abstraction of money letters from the Halifax Post Office.—Carried.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBERLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK

Hon. Mr. HUTCHISON moved for copies of correspondence respecting the appointment of a Commissioner or Commissioners for the Indians in Northumberland, New Brunswick.—Carried.

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MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. BLAKE moved for copies of correspondence with the Imperial Government as to the time of meeting of the Parliament of Canada for the year 1872. He said that from the mention made in the Speech from the Throne as to the action of the English Government in the matter, the Government must have contemplated informing the House on the subject, and he thought the papers should be submitted.—Carried.

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SILVER COIN

Mr. OLIVER moved for statements showing the amount of American Silver Coin withdrawn and sold by the action of the

Government, and the amount of new silver coin put into circulation since the last returns were made.—Carried.

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INSOLVENCY LAWS

On the Second Reading of **Mr. COLBY**'s Bill "An Act to repeal the insolvency Laws" coming up, Mr. Colby stated that he proposed to let the matter stand in consequence of the absence of many members particularly interested in the matter.

Upon this a conversation arose as to the expediency of his doing so in the course of which,

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that a great majority of the House were in favor of the Bill, and that in fact it might have carried last Session, but for what he deemed an imprudent concession on the part of the mover, and he feared the same disaster might again result. He thought also that the Government were bound to state their views respecting the very important commercial interests involved in the repeal of the Insolvency Laws. The Government had intimated last Session the intention of the House to repeal these Laws, and it was their duty to have provided for such being done.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD did not think the hon. member had any right to use such language in the matter. The hon. gentleman who had charge of the Bill was above all suspicion, both in and out of the House, and was just as sincere as the member for Lambton (**Hon. Mr. Mackenzie**), who had no right to take him to task as he had done.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE protested that he had not taken the mover to task as he had the most perfect confidence in him.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said he could not then have perfect confidence in those who had advised the postponement. There was plenty of time to get through the measure. As to the remarks of the hon. member for Lambton, respecting the duty of the Government, he thought them quite unnecessary. The Government did their duty to the satisfaction of a majority of the House, and he believed to the satisfaction of the country. (*Hear, hear.*)

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FISHERIES

On a motion for adjournment, **Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** asked when they might expect the papers asked for respecting the Fisheries and the Treaty of Washington, and also what papers would be brought.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said that with respect to those asked for by the member for Durham West (**Hon. Mr. Blake**) he was unable to bring them down. They had been carefully perused, and it was found that they could not be submitted to the House or the country, without injury to the public interest, and