

Hon. Mr. Dunkin said the law of fee funds in Lower Canada went to the payment of officers who were entirely chargeable on the funds of that Province. The Dominion Government had nothing to do with them. If the Government, however, would be kind enough to take these funds and pay the officers chargeable on them, they would be welcome to do so.

Mr. Wood said the officers in Upper Canada corresponding to those in Lower Canada whose salaries were chargeable on its fee funds were paid out of the revenues of Canada corresponding to those in Lower Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace, Clerks of the Courts, etc. The fee funds referred to by the member for West Durham were peculiar to Upper Canada. The Finance Minister had assumed that these funds should go into the revenues of the Dominion, but if there was a correct principle it should extend to the whole Dominion, and similar funds should be collected from other Provinces for payment of the Judges. They amounted to a very considerable sum, and to say that Ontario should contribute a fund nearly sufficient to pay its Judges, while the Judges in the other Provinces were paid their whole salaries out of the Dominion Treasury was so monstrously unjust that he could not believe the Finance Minister would persist in including these funds in the Dominion revenues.

Hon. Mr. Rose said the Treasurer of Ontario had pressed his views very strongly on the Dominion Government, and it was his (Mr. Rose's) intention to go into a thorough examination of the whole subject, with a view to arriving at a just conclusion.

Mr. Blake remarked that he had suggested in another place that the readiest method to settle the difficulty would be for the Ontario Legislature to repeal the Acts creating these funds and then to re-enact them, appropriating the funds to Provincial purposes. (Laughter).

The item was then agreed to.

On the item, Montreal River Police, \$16,-100.

Hon. Mr. Smith asked why this should be charged against the Dominion?

Hon. Mr. Rose explained as to this and a similar item for Quebec, that there were certain funds arising from tonnage dues, etc., which went towards payment of this charge; that the services of these police had been

availed of for certain purposes by Government, and that the Dominion Government would settle with the Quebec Government and the local Harbour authorities how much of the expense it should bear.

Sir John A. Macdonald said after the close of navigation last year, Government gave orders that these police should be discharged on a fortnight's notice, as they were not required during the winter, but before the notice expired it was necessary on account of circumstances which arose to employ them on frontier service. A similar provision might require to be made for some of the ports in the Lower Provinces, although he did not think such a necessity existed with reference to Ontario.

Mr. Mackenzie held that every port from the profits of its trade should pay for the force necessary to preserve order among the sea-faring men who brought it that trade, but if the Dominion Government was to pay a police force for Quebec, Montreal, Halifax, and Saint John, he insisted that the same provision should be made for Ontario ports. It was not right that Ontario, which paid so much of the taxation, should not have her fair share of the expenditure.

Mr. Dunkin thought it unfortunate that there should be so much sensitiveness exhibited as between the Provinces. If any ports in Ontario could be shown to be in analogous circumstances to those of Quebec and Montreal, let a similar provision be made for them. But he held it to be clear that the responsibility of making the provision for preserving the public peace rendered necessary by the large influx of sailors at our ports for sea-going vessels should not be thrown on local municipalities. If the City of Quebec was required to make such provision she could not do it, and it would not be done. The Union Act threw on the Dominion Government the responsibility of caring for the interests of navigation, and this charge properly belonged to it. The Dominion Government received certain funds for that purpose and ought to discharge the duty in connection with which these funds were created.

Hon. Mr. Fisher contended that the Union Act never contemplated throwing on the Dominion Government such expenditure as this, the first charge in which was the salary of Judge of Sessions of the Peace, \$2,400. Such a charge as that clearly belonged to the Local Government.