

increase based? He was not opposed to voting any reasonable sum that could be properly expended, but he thought the proposed increase should be explained.

Hon. Mr. HOWE said that with regard to the business, he believed Sir William Logan had his own very choice and valuable collection, but there was also a larger collection belonging to the country, and while the present arrangement lasted, the public had the benefit of both. A strong reason that these collections should remain at Montreal was that that city was in the direct course of the traffic of the St. Lawrence, so that twenty people visited it, while one came to Ottawa.

As to the proposed increase, it was based upon an estimate by Mr. Selwyn, and was intended to cover the additional cost of exploring the North West and British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE thought there should be a statement of the collection belonging to the public at Montreal, and that all necessary steps should be taken to preserve it.

Mr. GRANT maintained that the collection ought to be moved to Ottawa, so that during the session the representatives of the people might be able to carry back to the constituents throughout the country a knowledge of what had been accomplished. He believed that the building now containing the collection was not secure, and thought it high time that means should be taken to place it in security.

Mr. CUMBERLAND was understood to refer to the recent proceedings in the Ontario Parliament, alleging that the members of that Government now so anxious for economy had not hesitated there to mortgage the whole Province for many years, and to increase in many ways the expenditure.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the former Act allowing \$30,000 annually provided that a statement in detail of the expenditure should be submitted to the House within 15 days of the meeting of Parliament. The Public Accounts, however, merely mentioned one or two salaries and then placed \$29,000 to the current expenses. He asked for the necessary statement.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD referred to the remarks of the member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills) as to whether the Local or Dominion Government should deal with the matter, and in which he had the high authority of the member for Durham West (Hon. Mr. Blake) in support of the principle laid down by him, and said that if they were correct he was rather surprised the matter should have been allowed to go on so far.

With respect to the remarks of the Survey being merely scientific and not sufficiently practical, by not being a minute survey of the mineral resources of the country, he thought the subject was very well divided under the present system, and that while the geological character of the whole Dominion could be successfully ascertained and mapped out by the Dominion Government—the schools of mining established by the different provinces might simply direct

their attention to that branch of the subject in which the Province might be particularly interested.

With respect to the amendment proposed by the member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills) he thought it was not required. As to the first part, the Survey was already connected with the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces who was the responsible Minister in the matter, and the mere fact of the Superintendent of the Survey being in Montreal did not do away with that responsibility. He did not think it necessary to enter into the question as to whether the museum should be removed to Ottawa or retained at Montreal, but he did not think there was at present any secure building at the capital, at the disposal of the Government, to which the specimens could be removed. Before any removal could take place, therefore, such a building would have to be erected and it would be better therefore to let the collection remain at Montreal for the present under the supervision of Mr. Selwyn and Sir W. Logan.

The last part of the amendment as to the formation of a Geological Cabinet was worthy of all consideration and the Secretary of State for the Provinces would no doubt confer with Mr. Selwyn on the subject. With this assurance he suggested the withdrawal of the amendment.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Cornwall) said that for 25 years a great amount of money seemed to have been expended without any adequate result. Under the present system comparatively few people knew what was done. He thought that while Ontario attended to its local interests in the matter, there could be no objection to the Dominion maintaining a survey throughout the whole country. He thought all the specimens belonging to the public should be brought to Ottawa and he should be fully prepared to vote a proper sum for the erection of a building for their reception.

He objected to that part of the proposition that if the full amount was not expended in any one year the balance should be available for the next. Any surplus ought to lapse and he hoped there would be a change in that respect. He did not object to the vote extending over five years.

Mr. BLANCHET hoped the Secretary of State for the Provinces would see the necessity of having the North West surveyed at once. Sometime ago it had been stated in newspapers that gold had been discovered at Peace River, and there had been extraordinary excitement on the subject. He thought there ought to be official information on the subject, as there was in America. He thought the locality of the Museum immaterial and that the name of Sir W. Logan was sufficiently well known to draw enquiring capitalists to him wherever he might be.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON should not object to the appropriation, but thought there ought to be an annual vote, and if in the progress of that measure an amendment was introduced with that view he should certainly support it. Under the old Act the appropriation was \$30,000, but the public accounts for 1866 showed an expenditure of