

Cockburn,	Perry
Coffin,	Pettes,
Costigan,	Pickard,
Coupal,	Pinsonneault,
Currier,	Platt,
Cuthbert,	Pope (Compton),
Daoust,	Ray,
Delorme,	Richard,
De Veber,	Ross (East Durham),
Dugas,	Ross (West Middlesex,
Dymond,	Ross (Prince Edward),
Farrow,	Rouleau,
Ferris,	Ryan,
Fiset,	Rymal,
Fleming,	Scatherd,
Flesher,	Scriver,
Forbes,	Shibley,
Fraser,	Short,
Fréchette,	Sinclair,
Galbraith,	Skinner,
Geoffrion,	Smith (Peel),
Gibson,	Smith (Selkirk),
Gillies,	Smith (Westmoreland),
Gillmor,	Snider,
Goudge,	Stephenson,
Greenway,	St. Jean,
Guthrie,	Taschereau,
Haddow,	Thompson (Haldimand)
Hagar,	Trow,
Hall,	Wallace (Albert),
Harwood,	White (N. Renfrew),
Higinbotham,	Wood,
Holton,	Yeo,
Horton,	Young.—135.

House again *resolved* itself into Committee of Supply.

#### XI. MILITIA.

78. Mounted Police N.W.T..... \$306,000

**SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD:** Considering the enormous reduction made by the Government in this vote, seeing that it was last year \$306,356.50, and is now \$306,000, showing a saving of no less a sum than \$305.50, I think that we cannot press an amendment; and so we will allow the vote to pass.

**MR. TUPPER** said he, last year, had brought to the attention of the Government the case of a mounted policeman who was killed in the discharge of his duty, and the Government had undertaken to see that the land to which this man would have become entitled had he lived a very short time longer, or its equivalent, would be conveyed to his relations.

**MR. CARTWRIGHT:** I am informed that compensation to his mother is about to be recommended by the Secretary of State.

**MR. MITCHELL** said he desired to have some explanations about this item. This force was composed of

320 men, who each cost about \$1,000 per annum. The thing was outrageous. The general impression was that a great deal of extravagance was shown in connection with this service.

**MR. CARTWRIGHT** said, no doubt the hon. gentleman was perfectly correct in saying that the cost was very great. The cost of such a force sustained, as it was, over a country about 1,200 by 400 miles, at eight or nine separate points, and supplied at a great distance from the base of operations or supplies, was necessarily very great. The hon. gentleman would also note that this being a mounted force, the expenditure was necessarily very nearly the double of what would be required if it was composed of infantry; and also that they could not get suitable men to enter this force, to go into that country where the service was laborious, and might be attended with some danger, without paying them tolerably handsomely. Their equipment was also, necessarily, somewhat expensive. The other items to which exception might be most reasonably taken, appeared to be those of rations and forage, which amounted to nearly \$100,000. They had hoped to reduce these items; but at present owing particularly to the very high rate at which forage was supplied, they could not expect, during 1878-9, at any rate, to look for much reduction. Round several ports at which these men were stationed, land was being gradually brought into cultivation both by troopers and settlers, and in the course of two or three years, they trusted that sufficient land would be under cultivation at these spots to supply the wants, at any rate, of the cattle. They were gradually reducing the price of the rations. The hon. gentleman was probably aware that the expense of transport in that country was very great. Oats for instance, cost five cents a pound, equal to \$1.50 or \$1.60 a bushel, and expenditure of this kind would, of course, swell the keep of every individual horseman to a very considerable extent. So far as they were able to ascertain, the expense per head of this force, large as it appeared, was very nearly one-third per man less than that of the American troopers