

No. 7.—ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Messieurs

Bain (Soulanges),	Foster,	Risfret,
Baker,	Gillmor,	Riopel,
Béchar, d,	Grandbois,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Bergeron,	Hickey,	Rykert,
Bergin,	Holton,	Scriver,
Blake,	Jones,	Shakespeare,
Bowell,	Langelier (Quebec),	Somerville,
Carling,	Lister,	Taylor,
Cartwright,	Macdonald (Sir John),	Tupper (Cumberland),
Chapleau,	Mackenzie,	Tupper (Picton),
Charlton,	McCarthy,	Wallace,
Colby,	McDongald (Picton),	Welsh,
Costigan,	McLelan,	White (Cardwell),
Coursol,	McMullen,	White (Renfrew),
Davies,	Mitchell,	Wood (Brockville), and
Ellis,	Mulock,	Wood (West'land)—50.
Ferguson (Welland),	Pope,	

No. 8.—ON BANKING AND COMMERCE.

Messieurs

Baker,	Haggart,	O'Brien,
Beausoleil,	Hall,	Paterson (Brant),
Béchar, d,	Hesson,	Perley (Ottawa),
Bernier,	Innes,	Platt,
Blake,	Ives,	Préfontaine,
Bowell,	Jamieson,	Purcell,
Bowman,	Joncas,	Reid,
Boyle,	Jones,	Riopel,
Brown,	Kenny,	Royal,
Bryson,	Kirk,	Rykert,
Burns,	Kirkpatrick,	Scarth,
Cameron,	Labelle,	Scriver,
Cargill,	Landerkin,	Semple,
Cartwright,	Landry,	Shanly,
Casgrain,	Lang,	Skinner,
Cimon,	Langelier (Quebec),	Smith (Montreal),
Clayes,	Lister,	Sutherland,
Cockburn,	Lovitt,	Temple,
Cook,	Macdonald (Sir John),	Thérien,
Coursol,	Macdonald (Huron),	Thompson,
Curran,	MacDowall,	Tisdale,
Davies,	Mackenzie,	Tupper (Cumberland),
Dawson,	McCarthy,	Turcot,
Desjardins,	McDonald (Victoria),	Vanasse,
Dupont,	McDongald (Picton),	Waldie,
Edwards,	McGreevy,	Wallace,
Eisenhauer,	McLelan,	Weldon (Albert),
Ellis,	McNeill,	Weldon (St. John),
Fiset,	Mallory,	Welsh,
Flynn,	Mara,	White (Cardwell),
Freeman,	Masson,	White (Renfrew),
Gigault,	Mills (Bothwell),	Wilson (Argenteuil),
Girouard,	Mitchell,	Wood (Westmoreland),
Guilbault,	Moffat,	Wright, and
Gullet,	Moncreiff,	Yeo.—105.

No. 9.—ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION.

Messieurs

Armstrong,	Dawson,	Mara,
Audet,	Desaulniers,	Marshall,
Bain (Soulanges),	Dessaint,	Masson,
Bain (Westworth),	Doyon,	Mitchell,
Baker,	Duchesnay,	Montplaisir,
Béchar, d,	Eisenhauer,	Paterson (Brant),
Bell,	Ferguson (Leeds & Gren.),	Perley (Ottawa),
Bernier,	Fiset,	Perry,
Bourassa,	Fisher,	Platt,
Bowman,	Flynn,	Pope,
Bryson,	Gaudet,	Robertson (Hastings),
Burdett,	Gauthier,	Robertson (King's),
Burns,	Godbout,	Roome,
Cameron,	Grandbois,	Ross,
Campbell (Digby),	Guay,	Royal,
Campbell (Renfrew),	Guilbault,	Ste. Marie,
Carling,	Hesson,	Semple,
Carpenter,	Innes,	Smith (Ontario),
Caron,	Kirk,	Sproule,
Chapleau,	Labrosse,	Stevenson,
Chisholm,	Landry,	Taylor,
Choquette,	Lang,	Trow,
Cimon,	Livingston,	Tyrwhitt,
Colby,	Macdonald (Huron),	Watson,
Coughlin,	McMillan (Huron),	White (Renfrew),
Couture,	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	Wilson (Elgin),
Daoust,	McNeil,	Wilson (Lennox),
Davis,	Madill,	Wright, and
	Mallory,	Yeo.—87.

RETURN ORDERED.

Copies of all applications made to the Government, and of all recommendations made in relation to the position of Superintendent of the Chamby Canal; of the document appointing the present incumbent of that position; with a statement of his yearly salary and of all contingencies allowed him, and of the respective salaries paid to the two predecessors of the present Superintendent.—(Mr. Préfontaine)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. BLAKE. I would like to ask when we may expect the Fishery papers.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I think they are ready now.

Mr. BLAKE. They ought to be.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes, they ought to be and I believe they are ready, and will be brought down in a day or two.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 20th April, 1887.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORTS.

Report of Weights and Measures for 1886.—(Mr. Costigan.)

Report of the Department of Agriculture for the calendar year 1886.—(Mr. Carling.)

DOMINION LANDS ACT AMENDMENTS.

Mr. DAVIN moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 3) to amend the Dominion Lands Act. He said: I find that on a previous occasion some of my hon. friends thought that I was not sufficiently lucid and lengthy, and I shall endeavor briefly to explain the nature of this amending Act. The first clause provides that:

"In addition to the cases already provided for by the said Act, any person claiming a patent for a homestead, or for a homestead and pre-emption, who has completed the three years' residence required by the said Act on or before the 1st day of July, 1886, shall be entitled thereto upon proving that he has erected upon his homestead a habitable dwelling, and that his family have *bond fide* resided therein and cultivated the homestead for six months of each of the three years as required by section 38 of the said Act."

That provision has reference to persons who came in and settled as *bond fide* settlers, but who found that, in consequence of the bad seasons we have had for the last two or three years, they could not remain upon their homesteads. They accordingly left their families to cultivate the homestead, and they themselves went to work in towns along the railway. This is merely a temporary provision; it arranges nothing whatever as to the future, and only does a measure of justice to persons who, through no fault of their own, have been placed in a difficult position. The next clause adds a rider to sub-clause 2 of section 43 of the Act of 1886. It provides that:

"Provided that any person who has gone into the North-West Territories at any date between 25th May, 1883, and 2nd June, 1885, shall be entitled to a second homestead, and may enter thereon on any day after he has received his recommendation for the patent."

That is only the merest measure of justice to the persons who will be affected by it. I apprehend it will be found