

devised by which to bring about the closing of this account once for all. It is a great injustice to the townships—and they are chiefly townships which are interested—that this account should be standing open so long, with the probability that when they come to close it the Governments may not see proper to allow them the interest which has accrued during these many years. I notice, from a discussion in the other House, that they have not included any sum for interest, and I wish it to be distinctly understood that wherever the blame for this state of things belongs, whether to the Dominion Government, or the Governments of Ontario or Quebec, the blame should be placed on the proper shoulders. If the fund is in the possession of this Government, I should think it is desirable that it should be placed to the credit of Ontario, to be distributed to the municipalities entitled to it. I trust something will be immediately done to have the account closed.

Mr. BLAKE. I wish to say that I heartily agree with the views expressed by the hon. gentleman, not merely as to this specific item, which is, of course, of itself a great grievance, but also as to the importance of closing these accounts which have remained unsettled for the fifteen years which have now elapsed since Confederation commenced. I suppose it has been the pressure of other business on the part of all the Governments interested which may have led to this result, but I do not think it is a creditable or reasonable thing that there should have been so long a delay in arriving at a settlement. I trust a very earnest effort will be made by the three Governments concerned to close the whole account, so that the accounts of the two principal Provinces of the Dominion may not remain in the unsettled, incomplete and confused condition they are now in, in consequence of the account not being closed.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I entirely agree with the last speaker, that the time has arrived when these questions between the two Provinces and the Dominion Government should be disposed of. So far as the Dominion Government are concerned, it has been our anxious desire to have them closed. Immediately after the prorogation, in March last, communications were had with the two Governments, and I thought that in the summer we had reached a point where there was a probability of arriving at a conclusion; but the general elections, which shortly afterwards took place in Quebec, resulted in a further postponement of a settlement. The moment the House rises we will renew our efforts to bring about a settlement, because many of the accounts, such as those referred to by the hon. gentlemen, are in a condition most unsatisfactory to the parties interested.

Motion agreed to.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

The following motions for Returns were severally agreed to:—

Copies of the Act passed by the Quebec Legislature in the Session of 1881, respecting mines; of all petitions praying for the disallowance of said Act; of the report of the Minister of Justice upon the said petitions, and of all Orders in Council, papers and documents relating to the said petitions for disallowance.—(Mr. Laurier.)

Copies of the Act passed by the Quebec Legislature at its last Session, respecting Laval University; of all petitions asking for the disallowance of the said Act; of the reply of the University of Laval, and of all other papers relating to the request for disallowance.—(Mr. Laurier.)

Correspondence between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any person connected therewith, and the Government, or any member thereof, respecting all claims made by said Company for stone, timber, gravel or other material used for the construction of said road, and all claims made on the Government therefor by said Company,

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and all departmental or other orders respecting the same, specifying the extent and location of the land over or on which such claims have been made.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Returns showing the quantity of land sold by the Government of Canada in Manitoba and the North-West Territories in each year, from the acquisition of the North-West up to the first day of February, 1882; the price at which the lands were sold; to whom sold, and when; the amount received on account of said sales up to the date aforesaid; the amount in arrear for principal and interest.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Copies of all correspondence, petitions, papers, reports, and Orders in Council relating to an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, intitled: An Act for protecting the public interests in rivers, streams and creeks, disallowed by His Excellency in Council, and a copy of the said Act.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Copies of all correspondence, petitions, papers, reports, and Orders in Council relating to an Act intitled: An Act to incorporate the Winnipeg South Eastern Railway Company, disallowed by His Excellency in Council, and a copy of the said Act.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Copies of the report of the engineer who made the survey of the harbor of Port Daniel in 1881.—(Mr. Beaudesne.)

Copies of the reports of H. F. Perley, Esq., and C. F. Roy, Esq., respecting the channel in the Traverse of the River Restigouche.—(Mr. Beaudesne.)

Copies of all maps of any part of Canada, issued by any Department of the Government since the first day of January, 1881; and for copy of a map of part of Manitoba or the North-West Territories, prepared, and of which some copies were issued and afterwards in part recalled.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of all tariffs of rates for freight or passengers on the Intercolonial Railway, and the Prince Edward Island Railway, and a statement of all special rates granted on any part of either railway.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of all correspondence with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on the subject of the route of any part of the Canadian Pacific Railway, including any branch thereof, and all reports and Orders in Council relating thereto; for a statement of the route so far as settled; for a statement of the expenditure by the Government on the line by them constructed to the westward of Winnipeg; and of the arrangements between the Government and the Company as to such expenditure, and a statement of the length of constructed line abandoned by the Company.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of all correspondence relating to the rates for passengers and freight on any railway operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and of any tariffs of such rates proposed and approved, and of all reports and Orders in Council affecting the same; and of any special rates made on any such railway.—(Mr. Blake.)

Correspondence, reports, and Orders in Council in relation to any grants of land to, or to the selection or reservation of any lands for, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and a statement in detail of the lands granted, selected, or reserved therefor.—(Mr. Blake.)

Correspondence, reports, and Orders in Council in relation to any payments of money to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and a statement in detail of all such payments, with full particulars thereof.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of all correspondence, reports, and Orders in Council relating to the allowances proposed to be paid to Canadian manufacturers of certain goods required by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; of all applications for such allowances, and correspondence in connection therewith; for a statement of the calculations on which the proposed allowances were based; and an estimate in detail of the probable sums payable out of the Treasury in respect of each class of goods, assuming them to be made in Canada to the extent of the Company's requirements and of the *ad*