

identity, the hon. member for Quebec knew the hon. gentleman personally, and his identity might be certified to on both sides of the House by personal friends.

MR. MACKENZIE: I think my hon. friend will find it is four days from the date of declaring the election.

MR. MOUSSEAU: No, from the day of voting. It expired on the seventeenth.

MR. ANGLIN said he thought the proposal was an exceedingly dangerous one. He was sure no one would wish to keep the hon. member a moment from his seat; but, if they were to accept a telegram in this case, as sufficient proof of the election of a member of the House, the precedent would be exceedingly dangerous. Telegrams might be sent to any part of the country in anyone's name. The hon. gentleman, by remaining out of his seat, would lose little or nothing. Of course it was a loss that he should be deprived of his seat in the House for a moment longer than was necessary. He thought hon. members would see the great danger of accepting telegrams as conclusive evidence of the return of any one as a member of this House. He, for one, must regard the proposal as objectionable, and he took objection to it, not at all from an hostility to the hon. gentleman, or for any purpose whatever than that of exercising a reasonable amount of discretion on matters of so great importance.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said he thought his hon. friend had better not press the matter as far as M. R. Perrault was concerned. He had no doubt it would be found that the hon. gentleman had a perfect right to take his seat, and he was assured the House would, notwithstanding, award him all the privileges to—pecuniary and otherwise—attached his office.

#### CARILLON DAM AND WORKS.

##### MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. CHRISTIE moved for a return, showing all tenders received for the completion of the Carillon Dam and Works, and all correspondence between the Government and the Engineer and others, relating to the prosecution of that work.

MR. MOUSSEAU.

He said that the contract for these works was given out by the Macdonald Government in 1873, for \$600,000, and should have been completed two or three years ago. The contractor prosecuted the work for several years, and somewhere about \$360,000 had been expended upon this work. But during the past eighteen months or two years nothing had been done. During the last summer the late Government took it out of the hands of the contractor, and advertised for tenders for the completion of the work. Tenders were received during the month of August last, and it was fully expected the work would have been pushed to completion. But it appeared, since the present Administration had come into power, nothing further had been done; at all events, the work had not been renewed, and he thought this was a matter very much to be regretted. It was a work of very great importance to the country, and of a special importance to the lumber trade. This was one of the worst parts of the river, and navigation was very seriously impeded there. The slide on the south side of the river was nearly gone, and last year was a cause of great delay and loss in the passing of timber. The slide on the north side has not yet been built, and the result would be, in all probability, most damaging to the lumber trade during the present year. That was not all. It was commonly reported that the work which had been done, and on which so much money had been expended, was now going to ruin, and was in danger of being swept away by the spring floods; the material which had been prepared was deteriorating, the timber was rotting, and would soon become unfit for use. It seemed to him that the present was a favourable time for the prosecution of this work. It was well known there was a great scarcity of employment; wages were lower, farm products were cheaper, and money scarcer than they had been for many years, consequently, the work could be done at a greatly diminished cost, and with a great saving to the country. There could be no doubt, if this work had been prosecuted vigorously, if the money (\$240,000) voted by the House during the last Session had been expended as was intended, the work now would have been far advanced