

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT explained, that it was intended to remove wrecks, &c., one or two such cases having already occurred.

The item was carried.

Item 135, providing \$142,917.50 for salaries and allowances of lighthouse keepers was passed without discussion.

Item 136, providing \$213,000 for maintenance and repairs being taken up,

Mr. McDONALD (Cape Breton) remarked that he noticed in the report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries that the sum of \$117 had been paid for a sand bank, near Cape Bar, which was not in reality worth more than \$10.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT made a note of the matter, and promised to look into it.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE—Being in Cape Breton, it ought to be worth \$117.

Mr. McDONALD—Yes; I have no doubt that it was worth \$117 to the Government, at the last election.

The item was passed.

Item 137, providing \$30,000 for the completion of light-houses in course of construction being taken up,

Mr. SCHULTZ called the attention of the Government to the pressing necessity existing for the erection of a light-house at the mouth of Red River. The consequent expense would not be serious, and the shipping on the lake, which was becoming very considerable, would be greatly advantaged. The lake was larger than Ontario, and navigation at the mouth of Red River was difficult even in daytime. In order that the Cabinet might not plead want of knowledge in this respect, he drew their attention to it, and he hoped that action would be taken.

The item passed; and the Committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at Thirty-five minutes past Twelve a. m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, March 23, 1876.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. DESJARDINS drew attention to an incident which occurred in the

debate of Friday last, during which the veracity of a member had been called in question while absent from the House. The Premier, alluding to a remark made by the hon. member for Bagot that the Liberals wished to coalesce with the hon. member for Terrebonne, denied the statement. The hon. member for Bagot was now present, and perhaps the Premier would repeat the denial in order that the hon. gentleman might put himself right.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—I have no personal knowledge of what the hon. gentleman said, further than what was told me. I have only to say again, as I said the other night, I never made any offer to the hon. member for Terrebonne directly or indirectly of a seat in the Cabinet.

Mr. MOUSSEAU said he was glad of this opportunity to set himself right, because it was a serious matter to a young member to have his veracity questioned by one in so high a position as the Premier. On the occasion when the statement was made, he (Mr. Mousseau) was speaking in French. He had been referring exclusively to the Liberals of Quebec at the time, and showing their inconsistency on many public questions. He had pointed out that after condemning the hon. member for Terrebonne they wished to coalesce with him. That speech had been accurately reported and translated, and the statement could be found in the *Hansard* and the *Montreal Gazette*. If it was contradicted he would give to the House the reason which had prompted him to make the assertion.

The matter was dropped.

Mr. GREENWAY called attention to the following paragraph which appeared in the Ottawa correspondence of the *Toronto Mail*, the day after the vote on Sir John Macdonald's amendment to the motion to go into Committee of Supply:—

"I would take the earliest opportunity of pointing out to the Conservative electors of South Huron, that Mr. Greenway has proved a traitor to all the professions made to them by him when he was elected by acclamation, and that he sits in the House a mere chattel of the Administration, deserving the contempt of all honourable men."