

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I think the rent is not now paid according to the power of the respective mills. The leases contain a great many conditions, which I do not now remember; but I think the rent is so much for each lot, with a restriction as to the power to be used.

Mr. MULOCK. What was the face amount of the claims originally?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. We did not throw off any substantial amount. The claims were paid in full. The principal difficulty was in getting a settlement of new conditions.

Mr. MULOCK. Has that agreement been rescinded?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. No, it has not. It applies still, I presume, to the small amounts collected. I am referring now to the Inland Revenue Department.

Mr. MULOCK. I think it would be prudent to put an end to the agreement, so that in future if such services are required, the agreement will be made applicable to the particular transaction.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. There never can be again for many years, at any rate, so large an amount as this put in their hands for collection.

Militia expenses in connection with the rebellion in the N.W. Territories..	\$8,017
Pension—J. Franckum, late Gunner "A" Battery, pension from 19th July, 1890, to 30th June, 1891, at 30 cents per diem.....	104.10

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. This is for militia pensions on active service. Franckum was discharged from "A" Battery on pension the 19th of July, 1890, at 30 cents per diem. The Order in Council was passed the 27th June, 1890. Franckum entered in July, 1881. By a rifle bullet striking him above the ear, while marking at the rifle butts for his battery, he became injured. He had to pass the medical board and was so severely wounded that he became insane and is in a lunatic asylum. All the papers were submitted to the Department of Justice, and the whole matter submitted to Council before the Order in Council was passed. There is an amount for legal expenses, \$350; for transport, \$1,450; for clerical work re North-West claims, \$500; North-West Navigation Company, judgment of the Exchequer Court, \$5,400.

Mr. WATSON. Is it the intention of the Government to pay the claim made by Mr. Bremner in connection with North-West rebellion matters?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. It is only a week since that came in, and it has not yet been examined.

Seed grain and expenses collecting and receiving grain.....	\$2,338.71
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Mr. DEWDNEY. Last year \$3,150 were voted in the Supplementary Estimates for seed grain. Out of that, at the end of the financial year, there was \$666 of the appropriation lapsed, as the accounts were not all in within the three months which we were allowed to pay the accounts which had been incurred at the end of the financial year. Therefore, all the addition we ask on account of those accounts is \$600. We expect to have \$1,000 more to pay for the expense of receiving the seed grain which is now being paid back. We have to pay a small percentage to some parties for collecting, and as

the grain is sold and paid for the money is paid in to the Receiver General.

Mr. MULOCK. When did the distribution of grain take place?

Mr. DEWDNEY. A year ago last spring. None has been distributed since and none is asked for this year.

Mr. WATSON. How much has been paid back?

Mr. DEWDNEY. I have a rough memo. of the account for seed grain advanced in 1888-89 and 1889-90, showing \$81,882, and the amount refunded has been \$45,435.

To pay ex-constable G. H. Harpur balance of pension to 30th June, 1891, on account of Rebellion of 1885.....	\$814.60
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Mr. DEWDNEY. Harpur's first application for pension was made by letter from him dated Battleford, 21st April, 1890, and inquiries were continuous into the case until the matter was taken up by the late Premier on the 15th November, 1890, when application was made in Parliament. Harpur stated that his expenses for medicines and medical advice had far exceeded those for the necessaries of life; that he had been unable to perform any ordinary bodily labour since 1885, and that to support himself and pay his doctors' bills, he had been compelled to sell all his personal property; that he had been frequently urged to apply for a pension but put it off in the hope of ultimate recovery, and, having expended all he possessed in supporting himself, he was compelled to ask for assistance.

Mr. MULOCK. I am quite satisfied with that. I was only anxious to find out if the department had had this case before it for years without taking action.

Committee rose and reported resolutions.

Mr. BOWELL moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 1.10 a.m. (Friday).

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 3rd July, 1891.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN moved:

That Government Orders have precedence on Wednesdays for the remainder of the Session, and that the order of business for Wednesday under Rule 19 be made the Order for Mondays.

Mr. LAURIER. Perhaps the hon. gentleman would consent that this rule should not apply to next Wednesday, but that next Wednesday should remain members' day. I have no objection to the motion taking effect next Wednesday week.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We thought that it would be sufficient to take the Orders for next Wednesday on Monday next, because the number of measures in the hands of private members is very small, and the hon. gentleman will see himself that it will be necessary to expedite the business of the