

for instance, travelling allowances largely in excess of his salary. I am sure that Sir Charles Tupper with his staff in London must do a good deal of the immigration business there, and it should not be necessary to travel in that direction. I think we should investigate these travelling expenses. It is quite clear they are excessive. This thing of allowing a *per diem* allowance for travelling expenses without this House knowing where the parties travel to, or whether they travel at all, is wrong. If these men are allowed to make their own bills and demand what they like for travelling expenses, the better way is to double their salaries. I think several of these items deserve investigation.

Quarantine, Charlottetown, P.E.L. \$1,000

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Who is the medical man at Charlottetown now?

Mr. HAGGART. Dr. Conroy.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) When was he appointed?

Mr. HAGGART. About a year ago.

Tracadie Lazaretto..... \$4,500

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What report has been made as to the extent to which this horrible disease may have increased? I observe that a small increase is asked for, and I would like to know whether any outside cases have come to light within the last year, or whether you have succeeded in isolating these unfortunate people?

Mr. HAGGART. There has been a decrease in the number of patients from 40 to 18. There are no outside cases known to the department.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. By death, I presume?

Mr. HAGGART. By death.

Monuments for battle-fields of Canada. \$2,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What kind of monuments, æsthetically speaking, are we going to have?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. I submitted to the Historical Society a plan I had drawn, without any expense, in my own department, and the society asked me to allow the matter to stand so that we might discuss the possibility of adding to the grant in order to obtain a monument more deserving the occasion. That is the reason the matter has been kept in abeyance.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I do not want to encourage any unnecessary expenditure. There may be some question as to the expediency of the thing at all; but if you do it at all, it ought to be done in a decent, respectable fashion. It should not be done in a way that will make us a laughing-stock, especially when it is to be so close to the American frontier. Some of the designs I have heard of struck me as so ambitious, that if carried out at the figure named they would be a very curious testimony to Canadian valour and Canadian taste.

Mr. FLINT. Previous to the observations of my hon. friend from South Oxford, the same idea was passing through my mind. It would be a great mistake on the part of the Government to make an appropriation which would not provide us with a monument of respectable appearance. If the object is a worthy one, as I have an idea that it is, it would be just as well for the Government not to be

in a hurry, and if they have a design drawn up in accordance with the views of the Historical Society and persons of artistic ability, Parliament would readily concur in voting a larger amount. I might however say, in connection with this whole subject of militia expenditure—

Mr. SPEAKER. This is not an item of militia expenditure.

Mr. FLINT. It is under the general head of militia.

Mr. SPEAKER. It is one resolution dealing with monuments for the battle-fields of Canada and nothing else.

Mr. FLINT. As it is not likely this subject will come before the House again—

Mr. SPEAKER. I draw the hon. gentleman's attention to the rule. These items must be taken as they are called, and no general discussion can be entered upon.

Mr. FLINT. On this subject I desire to concur most heartily in the remarks made by the hon. member for South Oxford. I think the Government might take into consideration the desirability of having a monument something worthy of the place, the occasion, and the people.

Railways and Canals, construction.... \$50,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is this a part of what we are having to pay for having exchanged Onderdonk for Charlebois?

Mr. FOSTER. It is the arbitrators' costs.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. It will prove a costly construction, if that is the case.

Mr. FOSTER. This is not a part of the award, but the expenses of the arbitration.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What are the total fees as ascertained so far?

Mr. BOWELL. This is to provide funds to pay for the unsettled land claims, land appraisers' salaries, salaries and expenses of the arbitrators, their secretary, counsel, engineers, witnesses, stenographers, printing, &c. There are, I may inform the House, some twenty or thirty land claims still unsettled for land appropriated at the commencement of the building of the road, principally about Yale on the Fraser River and below that. I may also state that it was only to-day that, in looking into this question, we found it necessary, owing to the disputes which have arisen as to the value of the land by the appraised, and the parties owning the land refusing to accept the awards, to place the whole matter in the Exchequer Court, and Judge Burbidge, I believe, intends some time this fall to go to British Columbia principally for the purpose of settling these claims finally.

Prince Edward Island Railway..... \$45,000

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) At an early period of the session, I made some remarks when the late Sir John Macdonald was alive and was the Minister of Railways, with reference to the rails upon the Prince Edward Island road, and I desire to repeat them in presence of the acting Minister. The road was built in 1873 as a narrow gauge road, and since then they have commenced relaying a portion of the road with steel rails. They have relaid the portion between Charlottetown and Summerside, 40 miles.