

Mr. TUPPER said he rarely differed from his hon. friend, the member for Compton, but he felt that the view taken by the Minister of Finance was correct. It might be quite true that the question might be raised as to how far the matter came under the surveillance of the Dominion Parliament. But there was no doubt that they had to do with quarantine. It would be monstrous to suppose that 1,000 immigrants could come into this country bringing contagious diseases with them, as immigrants coming into the port of Halifax had introduced cholera, which caused the death of 300 persons. He would suggest that the Government take it into consideration whether it would not be advisable to see that all immigrants were vaccinated.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT expressed his obligation for this suggestion, although it might not be practicable to carry it out. He would, however, communicate it to the head of the Department.

Mr. POPE (Compton) said he was of opinion that this question should be under the power of the Local Government.

Resolution read the second time, and agreed to.

On Resolution 208, Supplementary Estimates for North-West Mounted Police, \$33,750,

Mr. MITCHELL asked whether the amount could not be reduced 50 per cent. by next Session.

Mr. MACKENZIE said a reduction to as great an extent as possible had been made, although he hoped that further reductions could be made in a short time. It should be remembered that it was absolutely necessary to give a feeling of order and security before immigrants could be invited into the North-West.

Mr. TUPPER said he was glad that attention would be given to this matter, and he hoped that the expense for forage would be decreased by the force growing oats, potatoes, &c., themselves.

Mr. MACKENZIE said this had been attempted for two years, but the experiment failed, owing to the incursions of grasshoppers. However, it was thought that the North-West

would not be again afflicted with this scourge for a good many years to come.

Mr. TUPPER enquired why this force had been transferred to the Department of the Secretary of State, and not placed under the Militia Department.

Mr. MACKENZIE said it had been removed from the Department of Justice because of the large amount of work there. He did not think it was advisable to place it under the Department of Militia as it was a civil force, and the rules applicable to the Militia would not apply to it. The Department of the Secretary of State transacted much business with the North-West, and having less pressure than the other Departments as to the amount of work, it could control the force with advantage and convenience.

Resolution read the second time and agreed to.

On Resolution 235, Dominion steamers, \$31,000,

Mr. TUPPER asked the attention of the Government to the importance of exhausting every means in their power of discovering the best point of communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland in winter. The efforts of the *Northern Light* during the past winter had only been partially successful. He was informed that during the whole winter there had been clear passage, free from ice, between the Island and Oak Island, at the mouth of Wallace Harbour. He hoped that would be investigated and the *Northern Light* put on that route next winter. The Ports of Pugwash and Wallace presented the best point of communication with Prince Edward Island as a short line of railway would bring either of those ports to the Intercolonial about mid-way between Halifax and St. John, forming the shortest connection with the Island both in winter and summer.

Resolution read the second time and agreed to.

It being Six o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair.