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it has been made an absolute gift? Second, whether the Queen's Wharf, in Quebec, is or is not the property of the Dominion or otherwise, whether it is or is not under the control of our Government?

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** replied that as to the first question, the property had been handed over to the Canadian Government for defensive purposes. As to the second, the Queen's Wharf had not yet been handed over.

**Mr. SCHULTZ** on his notice of motion for an address respecting the distribution of half-breeds in Manitoba. After expressing his opinion that the reserve should be distributed as best suited to the half-breeds themselves, he would withdraw the motion.

**Mr. SCHULTZ** on his motion for an address respecting the enumeration of the inhabitants of Manitoba, said he had brought the matter forward because of the promise made him last year by the then Minister of Agriculture, that the census shortly to be taken would include Manitoba, and he was disappointed that that promise had not been carried out. It was very important that an enumeration should be made. He withdrew the motion.

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** said the Government was not aware of any such promise.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** distinctly remembered the promise, and was sorry the motion was withdrawn.

**Mr. SHULTZ** moved an address to the Governor General for an

increase of the military force in Manitoba to 300 foot and 100 horse. He said this number was absolutely necessary to maintain the dignity of the Crown and expressed the hope that the Adjutant-General would visit the Province to judge of the matter for himself.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** said he had previously announced the intention of the Government to provide a force of 300 men. As to the constabulary force, it had been recommended by the Lieutenant-Governor, and also by the members for Lisgar (Mr. Schultz) and Selkirk (Mr. Smith), and it would engage the attention of the Government.

**Mr. SCHULTZ** said that was the assurance he desired to elicit and he withdrew his motion.

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#### PUBLIC LANDS

On the third reading of the bill respecting the public lands of the Dominion,

**Hon. Mr. MORRIS** moved its reference back to Committee for amendments.

The amendments were passed through Committee, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

The House then at 5.45 adjourned till 11 o'clock tomorrow, it being promised, at the request of **Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE**, that no business would then be undertaken, except matters from the Senate.