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\$14,000 for Post offices in the cities of Montreal and Quebec and other places, and by deducting those amounts, it would be seen that there was no increase over the previous year. He would like his hon. friend to point out the figures, and show where they could not be justified; any increase would bear the most rigid investigation and scrutiny.

The hon. gentleman had referred to the lighthouse service and the increased cost thereof. He (Hon. Mr. Tilley) felt sure that there was no service in the country which would be more cheerfully sustained, and appropriations made for, than that which would light our coasts and make navigation sure, thereby saving risk—and reducing the rates of ocean freightage and insurance.

He was satisfied that the revenue and surplus for the next ten years would be sufficient for the execution of the public works foreshadowed by the Minister of Finance. Even if there should be a reaction in the commercial prosperity of the country, the population was increasing at the rate of two and a half per cent, and if the revenue did not increase proportionately, there would still be more than sufficient, with the surplus, to pay the interest on the liabilities and supply the wants of the country.

He agreed with the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Hon. Sir A.T. Galt) that the Minister of Finance (Hon. Sir Francis Hincks) was quite right in not dealing with the surplus, as the country will be in a better position to meet all liabilities promptly, and he could see no fear whatever of difficulty arising out of the undertakings mentioned by the Minister of Finance.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** spoke in the strongest language of the Speech of the Hon. Minister of Inland Revenue (Hon. Mr. Morris), and referred to the course which he (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) had pursued with regard to the subsidies to the various Provinces. He did not look with serious apprehension to any great national calamity, but the financial policy of the Minister of Finance was calculated to bring on a commercial depression.

**Hon. Mr. CHAUVEAU** explained the policy of the new-born National Party (Parti national), of the Province of Quebec, and showed that the hon. member for Lambton (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) had given that party a most severe rebuke, having denounced the platform on which all their hopes are based.

The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means, **Mr. STREET** in the Chair—Reported and asked leave to sit again.

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** moved the second reading of an Act to amend the law relating to the fraudulent marking of merchandise. He explained that it was an adaptation of the English Statute on the subject passed in 1862. The reason for the introduction of the Law was that a failure of justice had occurred in a late trial at Montreal where a person had been indicted under the

Law as it now stands.

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** moved the second reading of the Bill, “An Act to make provision for the continuation and extension of the Geological Survey of Canada, and for the maintenance of the Geological Museum.”

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** had observed in the Estimates, that in addition to the increased expenditure for this service, there were special votes for large amounts, and he moved to know whether such was necessary. He thought the vote of \$45,000 was intended to cover all expenses.

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD:** In the absence of the Secretary of State for the Provinces (Hon. Mr. Howe), said the vote was intended to cover all the expenses, but that he supposed the additional sum asked for was an exceptional vote for British Columbia.

An Act to correct a Clerical Error in the Act relating to Banks and Banking, and to amend the said Act, was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

An Act respecting the public debt and the raising of loans authorized by Parliament was read a second time.

The House then went into Committee to consider the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*—That it is expedient to identify the Members of the Privy Council, the Auditor General, and all other officers and persons concerned in the issue of a Special Warrant by His Excellency the Governor General, upon an Order in Council made 17th October, 1871, under the provisions of the 35th Section of the Act 31 Vic., Cap. 5, for the advance of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to meet the expenditure on account of the Expeditionary Force which was ordered to be sent to the Province of Manitoba, or in the expenditure of \$62,150.72 for the said purpose out of the said sum of \$100,000, detailed accounts of such expenditure having been laid before Parliament, and all the requirements of the Act aforesaid in the premises having been duly complied with.

Also—

A resolution declaring it expedient to amend and consolidate, and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada, the Law respecting the inspection of certain staple articles of Canadian produce, which was adopted.

An Act to amend the Act regulating the issue of Dominion Notes, was reported by the Committee.

The House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.