

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 1, 1868

The Speaker took the Chair at three o'clock.

## QUESTIONS

It was elicited from Ministers in reply to the understated questions, viz.:

### CANADIAN VESSELS

**Mr. Stephenson**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to impose a duty upon repairs made to Canadian vessels while in American ports; and also whether the Government have considered and decided as to the propriety of imposing a tax upon American built vessels upon their being registered in Canadian ports?

**Hon. Mr. Rose** said the question of imposing a duty upon repairs made to Canadian vessels upon their being registered in Canadian ports was under the consideration of the Government, and their policy on the subject would be explained during the present session.

### CANADIAN FISHING INTERESTS

**Hon. Mr. Campbell**—Whether the Government is in possession of any and what information touching the imposition by the United States Government of additional duties on British caught fish, or of any other changes prejudicial to the fishing interests of the Dominion; and also whether it is the intention of the Government to impose any, and what additional tonnage duty on United States fishing vessels?

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said the Government had information of certain changes in the United States Customs regulations prejudicial to Canadian fishing interests, and the whole subject was now engaging their attention. As regarded the intentions of the Government to impose additional tonnage duty on United States fishing vessels, it would be improper for the Government to answer that part of the question.

## SPENCER WOOD

**Mr. Bodwell**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to keep up Spencer Wood, as well as Rideau Hall, for the accommodation of His Excellency, the Governor-General, and to make the expenses of his contemplated removal to Quebec, at the close of the Session, and return, chargeable as heretofore to the Consolidated Fund?

**Hon. Mr. McDougall** said the property known as Spencer Wood was being kept up until its ultimate fate—whether it should be sold or go to the Local Government—should be decided. As to the Governor's contemplated removal to Quebec at the close of the session, or return to England, he knew nothing.

## SUNDAY WORK

**Mr. Bodwell**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to adopt any measures to prevent traffic on the Carillon and Grenville Canal on Sunday?

**Hon. Mr. McDougall** said Government would continue to make arrangements as far as possible for preventing traffic on the Carillon and Grenville Canal on Sunday.

## BUST OF ROBERT BALDWIN

**Mr. Beatty**—Whether the Government has taken any steps in compliance with the address of the House of Assembly on the 10th August, 1866, for the procuring of a bust of the late Hon. Robert Baldwin?

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said the Government had not taken any steps in compliance with the address of the House of Assembly of 10th August, 1866, for procuring a bust of the late Robert Baldwin. A number of Ministers having gone to England shortly afterwards, the matter had escaped their attention, and had only been recalled to his mind by seeing the arrival of the bust of Col. Taché.

## MARRIAGE LAWS

**Mr. Mackenzie** moved an address for correspondence with the Local Governments concerning the present state of the marriage laws.