

which could not be used until it was first laid upon the Table of the House. That objection is quite unsupported by the authority the hon. member (Mr. Mackenzie) read. Of course, the papers ought to be produced. In the remarks I made when I first spoke on the question, I vindicated the right of the hon. member for Essex (Mr. Patterson) to quote these documents. I thought he had quite as much right to use them as the hon. member for West Northumberland (Mr. Cockburn) had to use those he quoted. At the same time, I am bound to say that a very strong case has been made out by my hon. friend from West Northumberland, and I think also, while the hon. member for Essex had full right to answer him in such remarks as he thought proper to make, that, as far as the officer himself is concerned, if he placed the papers in the hands of the hon. member for Essex, he was guilty of an act of insubordination, and guilty of gross disrespect to the hon. Minister in charge of the Department. I think my hon. friend (Mr. Pope) will find it his duty to enquire how a subordinate officer, even though he may be mixed up directly or personally in the matter, dare take papers from his chief's hands, and place them in the hands of a member of Parliament. I think this matter should be fully enquired into, and, unless the fault is satisfactorily explained, the officer is worthy of censure. There is no doubt we have nothing to do with the preservation of game. We have full charge of all legislation respecting Navigation and Fisheries, and the duty of protecting the Fisheries is imposed upon the Dominion Government; but the game laws, from the conflict of jurisdiction between the Provinces and the Dominion, do not belong to the Federal Government, but are altogether in the hands of the Provincial authorities. Therefore, the Department of Marine and Fisheries, or its officials have nothing to do with the *jura nature* in the various Provinces. I will also say that it was an ill-advised and improper act, and one which ought not to be countenanced, for anyone to take away the Dominion Police from their legitimate duties for the purpose of protecting the rights of any individual either as to fish or flesh. Those officers have specific duties to perform, and their be-

coming game keepers or fish inspectors does not form part of the duties assigned to them. The Dominion Police are here to guard the Government's property and they are to attend to such duties as are imposed upon them by the Government and the heads of the Departments with which they are connected. I feel bound to make these remarks, while at the same time vindicating the right of the hon. member for Essex to proceed with his speech without interruption; but, having made use of those papers, the hon. gentleman is bound, at the request of an hon. member, to lay them upon the Table. I will say further that, if the suspicion of the hon. member for West Northumberland is well-founded that the officer has taken official documents and got them printed and circulated, without the knowledge of the hon. Minister of the Department, he is guilty of an act of insubordination.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no doubt that the practice is that, when a member reads a document, he must be ready to lay it upon the Table of the House.

MR. MACKENZIE: I want to see those documents before the debate proceeds.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: I will not ask that it be done, but really the hon. member for West Northumberland is bound to lay his papers before the House as well.

MR. PATTERSON (Essex): The document I read was part of the document read by the hon. member for West Northumberland, and I ask that he put his papers before the House.

MR. COCKBURN: I shall put in all mine with the greatest pleasure. But I think the hon. member had better put his in, because I will be able to show that there is a misprint or change in the paper.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.): I have not the slightest objection to lay before the House every paper asked for, and all the information it is possible to give. It appears that there is a pond down the Ottawa river, which was purchased in March, 1878, while the late Government was in power, for the purpose of breeding fish. A large quantity of fish has been put into that pond, and some of the adjoining streams, which have been leased or purchased, I