

agreed that a glaring impropriety had occurred, and communicated his views to the Government in England to the effect that nothing of the kind should be repeated, and that a correspondence was addressed to the Government of France in order to ascertain how this dreadful thing had happened. I believe that ultimately the danger of a rupture of the cordial relations between France and England was averted by the assurance that the offending Consul had ceased to be an officer of the French Government, and that by means of that correspondence our Government has escaped from a responsibility it would, in the event of such a dire catastrophe, have had to assume. I desire all such information as the Government may possess on such an important subject, as well as that available on the perhaps more important question of what progress has been made in the improvement of our commercial relations with other countries.

Motion agreed to.

DEFAULTS IN THE LONDON POST OFFICE.

Mr. BLAKE moved for—

(1.) Copies of the evidence taken and the report made by Post Office Inspector Dewe, about 1880, on the defaults and irregularities in the London Post Office, and of any departmental action thereon, of the Reports and Order in Council as to the superannuation of the late postmaster, and the appointment of the present postmaster.

(2.) Copies of the evidence, correspondence, reports and Orders in Council or departmental action on which Scott Phipps, a clerk in the London office, was dismissed about 1875, and of all papers relating to subsequent re-appointment to office; copies of correspondence and statements as to the loss or disappearance of registered and other letters in the office within the last twelve months; and as to the action of the Divisional Inspector in suspending Phipps, and the evidence taken and the report made by him thereon; of all correspondence relating to that suspension; of the departmental direction to Inspector Dewe, the evidence taken and report made by him thereon; of the departmental direction to Post Office Inspector Sweetnam, the evidence taken and the report made by him thereon; of the departmental action and Order in Council dealing with Phipps, made after the reports; of all correspondence relating to that action, of the Order in Council thereafter made suspending Phipps; of the departmental or other action on which Inspector Dewe entered on a fresh investigation; of the evidence taken and report made by him thereon; of all correspondence relating thereto; and to the subsequent action of Inspector Sweetnam; and to the final action under which Phipps was reinstated and copy of such action.

(3.) Statement of the office held by the assistant postmaster at London prior to his promotion; of the date of his appointment as Assistant; of the time during which he has been a member of the City Council; and copies of any reports or correspondence relating to him.

(4.) Copies of any papers or reports relating to the late Deputy Inspector Cox shortly before his superannuation, and of the correspondence and departmental and executive action touching his superannuation.

(5.) Copies of any papers, correspondence or reports as to the condition of the London office.

He said: If it is understood, as I believe it is understood, from observations of the Minister of Public Works, that this motion will be granted and the papers brought down early, it will be convenient I should not give the House my reasons for the motion; and I will, on that understanding, propose the motion without any observations.

Mr. O'CONNOR. All of the papers that are not secret and confidential will be brought down. The papers are quite voluminous, and may be brought down in a week, or perhaps sooner.

Motion agreed to.

CIRCULARS TO DOMINION BANKS.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT, in moving for copies of all circulars issued from the Department of Finance to any banks of the Dominion since 1st January, 1881, said: This is very like the request already made by my hon. friend in his motion; but, as the motion is not made in the same shape, I would ask the hon. Minister of Finance if any circulars other than those referred to by the hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake) have been issued since the 1st of January, 1881?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. None.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Then I will withdraw that motion by leave of the House.

INDIANS OF LAKES HURON AND SUPERIOR.

Mr. DAWSON moved for a return of all correspondence which has taken place within the past two years between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of Ontario, in reference to the arrears due to the Indians of Lakes Huron and Superior, under the Robinson Treaty, together with any petitions recently presented by the Indians on the same subject.

Mr. MILLS. I would like to ask from the Government before this motion is carried—I am sorry the First Minister is not in his place—whether this correspondence is still proceeded with. I would like to know whether demands are still made upon the Province of Ontario for the amounts that the Indians were to receive under this treaty when the territory which was then negotiated for by the Government of Canada was lying within the limits of Manitoba. It would seem to be a very extraordinary proceeding if it should turn out to be correct, that the Government of the Dominion is making a demand on the Government of Ontario for the moneys which the Indians are entitled to under that treaty, at the same time denying any right on the part of the Government of Ontario to the lands that were then ceded.

Motion agreed to.

ACTS OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES.

Mr. BLAKE, in moving for copies of all correspondence, petitions, reports, and Orders in Council relating to Acts of Provincial Legislatures or reserved Bills of Provincial Legislatures not already asked for by address or order of this House, said: As my hon. friend from Centre Huron (Sir Richard J. Cartwright) has pointed out, the motion which was made and assented to by the House the other day was simply a motion for the return of Acts which have been disallowed. It does not give any of the correspondence or Orders in Council, and so on. This is the general motion which we have been in the habit of making every Session, and it is wide enough to deal with every case which has not been ordered or brought down.

Motion agreed to.

TRUST AND LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mr. HESSON, in moving for copies of all correspondence between this Government and the Governments of Ontario and Quebec relating to the unsettled Trust and Land Improvement Fund account, said: I desire once again to draw the attention of the House and the Government to this matter, this being, I believe, the fourth Session in which I have been called upon on behalf of my constituents to refer to this unsettled account. After four years I have to say that my progress has not been very much, though I believe some progress has been made. The Finance Minister it appears, during the past few years, has made some efforts towards the settlement of this account, and these efforts have resulted in bringing down in the Estimates by the Treasurer of the Province of Ontario a sum of something like \$125,000 for distribution to the various municipalities interested in this account. That sum is not anything like equal to the amount credited to the fund, and I see no reason why the account should stand longer in its present position. I have had interviews with the Minister of Finance and his deputy on this question, and they state that they are willing and ready to settle this account at any time they can get the two Provinces, interested with the Dominion in the matter, to come to a settlement. I shall be glad if some means can be