

this guarantee is over £28,000, and it appeared strange to a large number of people that our Province should receive £22,000 more than it was entitled to, without giving some equivalent, and now we would like to have some information on the subject of an official character.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT in reply, said it was the intention of the Government to submit a proposition for consideration to commute the whole.

Hon. Mr. MILLER remarked that if British Columbia were satisfied with the £50,000 he supposed the extra £22,000 would not be forced upon that Province.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Victoria), had given notice of the following motion:—

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to furnish this House with a copy of the instructions given to Mr. Edgar, Agent or Commissioner, recently sent by Dominion Government to the Province of British Columbia.” The motion, however, was postponed.

Hon. SCOTT in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Lettellier De St. Just, who, he regretted, was in ill health, moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bureau, that the Standing Committees of the present session be appointed, and composed respectively as follows:—

BANKING, COMMERCE AND RAILWAYS.

The Hon. Messieurs—Alexander, Benson, Bureau, Campbell, Chapais, Chinic, Ferguson, Ferrier, Foster, Hamilton, [Kingston], Howlan, Kaulbach, Kenny, (Sir Edward,) McClelan [Hopewell], McDonald, [Toronto], McMaster, Macdonald [Victoria] Macpherson, Malhiot, Robertson, Ryan, Scott, Simpson, Skead, Sutherland, Vidal, Wark, Wilmot, Wilson, Price.

LIBRARY.

The Hon. Messieurs—Allan, Baillargeon, Bellerose, Bourinot, Brown, Chaffers, Chapais, Cormier, Cornwall, Ferguson, Girard, Haythorne, Hazen, Holmes, Lacoste, Macfarlane, Leonard, Malhiot, Miller, Montgomery, Odell, Reesor, Scott, Trudel, Wilmot, Price.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Messieurs—Aikins, Armand, Botsford, Campbell, Carrall, Dickey, Dickson, Dumouchel, Girard, Hamilton [Inkerman], Leonard, Letellier de St. Just, McClelan [Hopewell], McDonald [Toronto], Macfarlane, Macpherson, Miller, Panet, Read, Ryan, Scott, Seymour, Shaw, Wilson, Skead,

PRINTING.

The Hon. Messieurs—Aikens, Brown, Bureau, Carrall, Cochrane, Dumouchel, Ferrier, Haythorne, Kaulbach, Muirhead, Penny, Reesor, Scott, Simpson and Glacier.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Hon. Messieurs Allan, Archibald, Armand, Bellerose, Botsford, Bourinot, Cornwall, Dever, Dickson, Ferrier, Flint, Girard, Guevremont, Haviland, Haythorne, Hazen, Letellier de St. Just, Macfarlane, Miller, Northup, Odell, Panet, Perry, Scott, Trudel, Vidal, Aikins.

The motions for the appointment of the respective Committees, as above, were adopted.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Victoria) had given notice of the following motion:—

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, returns showing the number of engineers, surveyors, and other persons, specifying their different grades, sent from the eastern portion of the Dominion to British Columbia in connection with the Pacific Railway during the year 1873, together with the cost of transportation each way.” He said:—In moving for these returns, as to the cost of surveyors from this part of the Dominion to British Columbia, my object is not so much to get the returns, as to bring to the notice of the Government the fact that last year many of the subordinates in the surveying corps were sent from this part of the Dominion, while persons able to fill their places could have been found in British Columbia. This being the case, it will be seen that the country was put to unnecessary expense, and at the same time many in our Province deprived of employment. I therefore beg to call the particular attention of the Government to this matter to avoid further mistakes, as I believe in a few days surveying parties will again be leaving for the west, and as a matter of economy, those in our Province who are qualified, ought to be employed. I would call the attention of the Government to another matter, as to the advisability of establishing a permanent railway office in our Province where the labor and field notes of the summer could be worked up without having to be sent back to Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT could not be answerable for the proceedings of the late Government in sending parties to British Columbia, but all we could say was that the