

scattered over the entire district. Trouble has been caused by this blundering. We do not desire to do injustice to the Indians. You could not find a single settler that would advocate that. The Indians render valuable assistance, and it is to the interest of the settler to live on the best terms with them, but questions of farming interest to them should be settled; and, therefore, it is that I bring this matter up and urge the Government to attend to it with a view of making a proper settlement of all matters in dispute.

Mr. MILLS suggested the addition of correspondence between this Government and the Commissioners, and between the Government and the Local Government.

Motion, as amended, *agreed to.*

STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY DIVISION COURTS.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Mr. BERGIN, in moving for a Return showing number of cases tried in each of the Division Courts in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, during the years 1877, 1878 and 1879, by the Judge of the said United Counties; also, by the Deputy Judge, and other barristers in the said United Counties, and the amounts, if any, paid by the said Judge to the Deputy Judge and other barristers for the trial of such cases, said: That some of the Division Courts, during the past few years, in these United Counties, presided over in the country districts by young barristers, employed by the Judges, had caused great dissatisfaction, and that it was desirable that there should be some change, so that either the Judge himself should hold these or the Deputy Judge.

Motion *agreed to.*

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE FORCE.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Mr. ROYAL, in moving for a Return of all complaints, reports, documents or papers, relating to the state of discipline, efficiency, conduct and physical condition of the Mounted Police Force in the North-West Territories; the number of posts or forts, the number of men at each post, and the reasons given for the location of the said posts or forts; the number of drill days every week at every post; the nature, the quantity and the con-

dition of arms, saddlery, accoutrements and ammunition in each post, according to the last report; the number of horses at every post; the complaints as to the quantity, the quality and the distribution of supplies and clothing in the various posts; the mode of paying the officers and men, whether in kind or in money, said: The motion was made with a view to place before the House and the country information which would clear up rumours spread against the efficiency of the Mounted Police Force, and their moral standard, and with a view to change the system if these rumours are shown to be well founded. This Force was established seven years ago; it had cost the country an average of about \$300,000, or \$1,000 for each man a year; a total of over two millions of dollars. If the reports in circulation were to be relied on, the Force in Manitoba and other parts of the country was a discredit to Canada. The Force had been originally established for the protection of Indians as well as white men, and to assist in the maintenance of good order and conduct of these territories. One of the principle objects was to prevent the sale of liquors in the North-West. The Force had a double mission, first, for the civilisation of the Indians, and on the other hand for the protection of emigrants going into these territories to settle. The Force, to be efficient, should be beyond all suspicion. Therefore, in view of the rumours in circulation, it was important to bring the matter up so that the Force might be vindicated; but if the result showed that the rumours were true the sooner the character of that Force was changed and placed on a more strict basis, as to discipline, the better for those territories, both for the Indians and the white settlers. According to these rumours there was very little training in the Force, and there appeared to be a very sad state of affairs, both as regarded the men and officers. The facts are very grave, and must be stated with much diffidence and caution, still the truth must be told, and it was very important, in particular, not to spread amongst the Indians the vices of the white men, for instead of advancing civilisation we should retard it. With regard to the supplies, if the rumours were true, the men were suffering badly for want of