

travel all round the coast to pay the cheques to the owners of the boats and to the men who fished in them. I do not so understand it at all; the Departmental cheques are payable to order of the men entitled to them; and they are forwarded to the office from whom the claims have come; and this does not entail any expense. His insinuation that the remarks I addressed to the House had for their object the slurring of a past political opponent is entirely uncalled for. I had no such intention. I do not approve of the appointment of Mr. Ogden to such a position; but I think it a most fortunate thing for a person in Nova Scotia, or in any part of the Dominion, especially a Conservative, to be defeated; for if defeated they are far better treated than those who meet with success and win seats in the House. I repeat that if the Department had issued instructions to collect this information before November or December, and had undertaken this work earlier in the season, this information might have been in the possession of the Government long ago, and there would not have been any necessity for employing so many extra clerks, while the fishermen would have been paid long before they will now be paid.

Mr. BOWELL. Will the hon. gentleman explain to the House how the statistics could have been obtained before the fishing season closed, and while half of the fishermen were out at sea.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Shelburne). Then you did not wait until the information was returned, because you issued instructions, and finding that there was a considerable amount of money on hand, the bounty to the fishermen was increased, and you ascertained this only three or four weeks ago. The fact is that if the Department had asked the number of vessels employed, the tonnage of vessels, and the number of boats and their tonnage, they might have had this information in the month of October. I looked through the returns for my own county, and I found that there was not a vessel reported but might have been reported in October; and I only hope that in future the Department will take steps to collect the information earlier in the season in order that the men may be paid before the season is closed.

On Resolution 314,

Customs—To provide for amount required to complete service in the Province of Manitoba \$25,000.00

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). As I understand, this \$20,000 additional is for this year's service in Manitoba. I see the vote in the original Estimates was \$19,000, which would make altogether the Estimates for 1882-83, \$44,900, while the Minister is only asking for, 1883-84, \$40,000. I suppose there will be a Supplementary Estimate for this year.

Mr. BOWELL. I hope not.

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). Will there be less expended in 1883-84 than in 1882-83?

Mr. BOWELL. I hope so, from the fact that the service there has been systematized to a certain extent. As I explained when the item was before the House, we anticipate that a large amount of goods which are now passing through the United States, and which have to be bonded at Sarnia or Windsor, and the bond cancelled when these goods reach the boundaries of Manitoba at Emerson or Winnipeg, thus entailing a large amount of labor on the extra men whom we have attached to the staff, will go to Manitoba by way of Thunder Bay, and instead of the bonds being broken and the goods examined at Winnipeg, they will go westward to the sub-ports which we propose to open. We hope that there will be a less rush of business in Winnipeg than there has been, and that hence a less number of men will be required. The hon. gentleman will readily understand this expectation when I point out the fact that every car of goods, no matter whether it be dutiable or free,

Mr. ROBERTSON (Shelburne).

or whether it is immigrants' effects which passes through the United States, has to be bonded when it enters that territory, and the bond has to be cancelled when it reaches our borders at Winnipeg or Emerson. All the work attending that collection of revenue is imposed on these officers, less the amount of money received and the making of the calculations; but we hope they will be relieved of a large proportion of that work when immigrants and goods passing through, either from Montreal or Ontario, will go by Thunder Bay, and that there will be nothing for the Customs officers to do. I trust that this year, unless an unforeseen circumstance should arise, the expenditure in connection with the collection of revenue in Manitoba, will be somewhat lighter than during the past year.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 12:55 o'clock a.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, 16th May, 1883.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

BILL INTRODUCED.

The following Bill was introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 131) to encourage the manufacture of pig iron in Canada from Canadian ore.—(Sir Leonard Tilley.)

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, in moving that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed resolution declaring that it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the granting of shop, saloon, hotel, vessel and wholesale licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the several Provinces of the Dominion, said: The House, when a Committee was specially struck on this subject, adopted, in effect, the principle of this resolution. It is, however, not necessary *pro forma* to move this resolution in order to meet the principle that all matters affecting trade should commence in Committee. A Bill has been reported, I believe, by the Committee, and on this resolution being adopted, the Bill which the Committee were authorized to introduce will be presented and printed, and pressed on the consideration of the House.

Mr. BLAKE. The House, in obedience to the suggestion of the paragraph of the Speech from the Throne on this subject, referred the matter to a Select Committee, giving them power to report by Bill or otherwise. I was surprised when I saw the notice on the paper which the hon. gentleman has just moved, as I understood that the matter having been referred to the Committee, it was by that channel alone that the Bill could come before us. I think the hon. gentleman's notice was irregular, as I think this motion is irregular. It seems to me the function of the Committee being to report by Bill or otherwise, it was the duty of the Committee to have reported a resolution, if a resolution is the proper mode to initiate the legislation. We have neither a report, nor a resolution upon which to found a Bill containing provisions similar to those which were suggested. It seems to me that on the point of Order, we have to carry out the proceedings which we have initiated in this matter in accordance with the third paragraph of the Speech from the