

Hon. Mr. BLAKE—The hon. gentleman has raised a storm which he is now prepared to calm. He told the fishermen to assert it. I understand that it is a simple question of law which it is proposed to refer to the Supreme Court.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL—It is not a simple question of law which is to be referred to the Supreme Court, and I wish my hon. friend to understand that I did not rise a storm which I now desire to calm. I never raised a storm; and further, I never did assert that the fishermen had rights, but that I believed they had rights. Being a layman I offer no legal opinion.

Hon. Mr. SMITH—I would call attention to the correspondence which passed between us, in which he asserts, most positively, that the fishermen have rights with which the Government should not all interfere. I have no objection to giving the hon. gentleman a reasonable time. I suppose that a month or two will be all that is necessary; I do not want any unnecessary delay to take place, as I desire the question to be set at rest.

The item was concurred in.

On item No. 52, appropriating \$3,000 to meet expenses in connection with the care of Archives,

Hon. Mr. POPE said he was most anxious that something should be done in regard to the archives. There were many documents of great importance in England and France which ought to be copied, and they could be copied as easily and as cheaply this year or next as they could 10 years hence. The sum in the estimates was not sufficient to do this, and he would strongly urge a larger appropriation for the copying of these documents.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT said he had informed the House on the previous day that a considerable portion of the \$3,000 would be available for that purpose, and he also intimated that if that money was not found sufficient that they might supplement it from the vote for unforeseen expenses. He understood that the Minister of Agriculture intended to have some of the documents copied. It was not, however, desirable to give indiscriminate

authority to copy everything relating to Canada.

The item was concurred in.

#### WAYS AND MEANS.

On motion of Mr. CARTWRIGHT, the House went into Committee of Ways and Means.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT then moved the following:—

“Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the year ending 30th June, 1876, the sum of \$1,139,338.28 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

“Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year, ending 30th June, 1877, the sum of \$19,486,602 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.”

The resolutions were adopted.

The Committee rose and reported the resolutions without amendment.

The resolutions were read the second time and concurred in.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced the Supply Bill founded on the resolutions.

The Bill was read the second and third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 9 p.m.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, with amendments, viz:—

No. 76. To amend “The Insolvent Act of 1875.”

On motion of Mr. Blake, the said amendments were concurred in.

No. 30. To amend and consolidate the Laws respecting Indians.

On motion of Mr. Laird the said amendments were concurred in.

No. 34. To incorporate the Canada Assurance Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Cameron (Victoria, Ont.), the said amendments were concurred in.

No. 48. To incorporate the Union Assurance Company of Canada.

On motion of Mr. Cameron (Victoria, Ont.), the said amendments were concurred in.

No. 65. To amend the Charter of “The St. Lawrence Bank,” and to change the name of the said Bank, to that of “The Standard Bank of Canada.”