

not load and unload easily, on account of the high tides; but if they make a wet dock they will be able to load and unload at all times.

MR. MACKENZIE: What are the revenues now received?

MR. LANGEVIN: I do not recollect at present the revenues now received. I may read, however, for the information of the hon. the leader of the Opposition a letter written on the 16th April, 1877, signed by the Secretary of the Department, and addressed to the hon. Mr. Chauveau, Senior:

"SIR—I am desired by the hon. the Minister of Public Works to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in which you call the attention of the Government to the tenders recently received for the Harbour Works at Quebec, pointing out that the lowest tender which you propose to accept is over \$600,000, while the money at your disposal amounts to \$470,000, and also stating that the Harbour Commission will in consequence require an additional loan of \$250,000 for the completion of the contract, upon which additional sum you express the belief of the Commission that the revenue will suffice to meet the interest as well as the interest on the previous loans.

"I am directed to inform you that, as it appears that the means available in the Commissioners' hands are more than enough for the works this year, it does not seem necessary, at present, to ask Parliament to assent to the additional guarantee. But, looking at the statement of accounts accompanying your letter, which shows that there is sufficient revenue to meet the interest upon the additional sum required, I am directed to say the Government will, during the next Session, ask the assent of Parliament to guarantee the additional sum necessary.

"You will thus be enabled to proceed at once with the execution of the works, according to the plans, estimates, and tenders which have been submitted.

"I have, etc.,  
(Signed) "F. BRAUN,  
"Secretary."

In reply to Mr. MACKENZIE,

MR. LANGEVIN said there was a discussion between the two Boards about the dues on ships going to or from Montreal, and not loaded or unloaded at Quebec. It was considered unjust to pay dues there, as if the vessels were loaded or unloaded at Quebec; and now it is only on vessels loaded or unloaded there that the dues are charged, or if they are only loaded or unloaded there in part a proportion only of the dues are charged, but there is not the slightest difficulty between the two Boards.

Resolutions ordered to be reported.

MR. LANGEVIN.

House resumed.

(In the House.)

Resolutions reported.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY introduced a Bill (No. 109) To authorise the raising of a further sum to enable the Quebec Harbour Commissioners to complete their tidal dock.

Bill read the first time.

MRS. JOHN YOUNG ANNUITY BILL.

(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

FIRST READING.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution to make provision for a life annuity to the widow of the late Hon. John Young, in consideration of his services as Chairman and member of the Corporation of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal during more than nine years.

(In the Committee.)

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: The Resolution is full, so that I need not occupy the time of the House by expatiating upon its subject. All know the services of the late Mr. Young for the improvement of the navigation of the St. Lawrence, and indeed for the promotion of the development of the country, generally. The Montreal Harbour Commissioners adopted a Resolution, setting aside a thirty years' bond, giving the interest on \$10,000 at six per cent., for the support of his family. That was beyond their power as mere Trustees for the Harbour. The Government, however, have considered it well, to a certain extent, to carry out the views of the Harbour Commissioners, and therefore, have decided to ask the House to adopt this Resolution.

MR. DESJARDINS: Is there any salary attached to the position of Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Mr. Young received a salary as Chairman for some time before his death. But, for the nine years mentioned in the Resolution, he considered himself a wealthy man, and preferred to act gratuitously.

MR. MACKENZIE: Under the Act of 1874, they were allowed to give a certain sum to the Chairman, as was the Quebec Trust by the Act of 1875, not more than \$2,000.

Resolution ordered to be reported.

House resumed.

(In the House.)

Resolution reported.