

Mr. DAVIES. Is it the intention of the Government to bring down Supplementary Estimates for the maintenance of piers on the Island which, by a decision of the Supreme Court, are declared to belong to the Dominion.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Local Government have been in communication with the Dominion Government on this matter. The First Minister of Prince Edward Island was here, and I informed him an officer or two would visit the Island to examine each pier in order to ascertain exactly whether these were Dominion or local works. We will have a report by the 1st or 15th July. I told the First Minister he could, if he wished, send an officer to accompany ours. When the report is received, I will examine the whole question with the Chief Engineer and report the result to Council in order that the Government may decide whether any and which should be Dominion works.

Mr. DAVIES. The hon. gentleman does not propose any grant this year?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. No; but any small repairs will be made out of the general vote.

363. Public Works—Miscellaneous—Monument to Joseph Brant..... \$5,000.00

Mr. HICKEY. It has been said this is an age of economists and calculators, but I am pleased, and I am sure the House is pleased, to see that the spirit of chivalry is not altogether absent from our midst and destroyed by our activity of life, but that this spirit shows signs of being more prominent and stronger in the future. Monuments erected in honor of the illustrious dead, add to the national glory of the country in which they are erected, and we have not so many heroes in our past, or fields of victory in our country, that we can afford to neglect those that add lustre to our history. I think that the battle of Chrysler's Farm is of sufficient importance in our history to demand the attention of the Government. A few hundred dollars expended in raising a monument to commemorate that victory, and to show to future generations that we, at heart, honored the valor of our sires, would be a fitting action on our part, and I hope, in another year, an estimate will be brought down to erect a monument to our worthy sires who fought and bled in this battle, and gained a victory which, the best historians say, maintained this country in its British connection.

364. Telegraph line from a point opposite New Westminster to Lader's Landing, B.C..... \$1,500.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Private individuals wanted to build this branch line from our own line, but we thought it was better not to allow private individuals to interfere with the lines of the Government. The people will furnish the poles, and we have an old cable perfectly fitted for this branch line. We have also some wire, so that we will only require \$1,500 to build the line.

334. Privy Council contingencies—To make payment to officers of this Department who are engaged after hours..... \$1,000.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The officers of the Privy Council are often obliged to work late at night, after having worked all day. Instead of increasing their salaries permanently, we thought it was better to ask for a gratuity of \$1,000.

Mr. BLAKE. It has always been understood that when the Council sat late, and the business required despatch, the officers should remain after hours, as is done in other Departments. There has been no proposition up to this time that there should be extra remuneration for that service.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We think that these officers are not sufficiently remunerated. The work of the Privy Council has increased very largely, and these officers are overworked. We thought it better to give them this small

remuneration than to increase their salaries, for if we increase their salaries it will be a permanent thing.

Mr. BLAKE. Does the hon. gentleman suppose this vote is going to disappear from the Estimates? We are going to have this every year.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Perhaps so.

368. Additional amount required for purchase of life-boats, stations and life-preservers, maintenance of crews and rewards for saving life. \$3,000.00

Mr. BOWELL. This is an additional vote that is asked for in order to put into operation the life-boat service on different stations along the coast. The subject was fully discussed a few nights ago, and from the expression of opinion in the House, it was deemed advisable to ask for a larger sum.

Mr. PLATT. Will the hon. Minister inform the Committee whether buildings are to be constructed this season to cover the life-boats?

Mr. BOWELL. Not that I am aware of; the system is not yet perfected.

Mr. BLAKE. Has the hon. gentleman any idea of what will be the cost of the life-boat it is intended to purchase? The hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Platt) made some suggestions the other day that seemed worthy of consideration.

Mr. BOWELL. I think they were, and they will be taken into consideration by the Department.

370. Indians—New Brunswick..... \$618.12

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury). There was a deputation of Indians here from New Brunswick the other day, and I presume this is the result of their visit.

Mr. BOWELL. There is a sum of \$393.12, which is an increase to be paid to medical officers of from 26 cts. to 50 cts. per head of the population. The second item of \$100 is to provide for the salary of a missionary at Big Cove, county of Kent. This is to be paid to the Rev. John Edward Barnett, parish priest of Richibucto, who has already been attending them. The medical grant having been considered inadequate, the Department decided to increase it from 26 cts. to 56 cts. per head of the population.

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury). A deputation of Indians from New Brunswick recently visited Ottawa in order to submit their grievance. I desire to enquire what those grievances are, and whether they have been attended to?

Mr. BOWELL. I remember a deputation of Indians from New Brunswick called upon the First Minister and laid before him what they called their grievances. The matter has been referred to the inspector for investigation, and that investigation is now proceeding.

Mr. BURPEE. What were their grievances?

Mr. BOWELL. They were under the impression that they were not properly treated by the superintendent, against whom they lodged complaints, and the matter is now being investigated by another officer.

386. Collection of Revenues—Excise..... \$4,845.00

Mr. COSTIGAN. The larger portion of this amount is to provide for additional allowances in Manitoba and the North-West and British Columbia, to compensate for increased cost of living as compared with the other Provinces. This amount is to be distributed by arrangement between the different Departments on a general scale. Those having salaries of \$2,000 and upwards are to be allowed 12½ per cent.; salaries \$600 to \$1,000, 20 per cent.; and lower salaries, 40 per cent. This percentage is not given to any officer who, by reason of his appointment in these Provinces, is now receiving a higher salary than he would have received