

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Has the hon. gentleman the information from the 1st of July to date?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I have not.

#### LA CLOCHE ISLAND.

Mr. FISHER asked, 1. Has the Government of Canada sold Cloche or La Cloche Island, in Georgian Bay, north of Manitoulin, to any one? 2. If so, to whom? 3. At what date was it sold? 4. For how much was it sold? 5. Under what authority or by what title did the Government of Canada claim to have power to sell the island? 6. What was the extent of area and timber on said island?

Mr. DEWDNEY. La Cloche Island, in Lake Huron was sold to S. W. Bouchner, on 7th July, 1881, for \$2,500. The department sold the island for the benefit of the Indians under the authority of the Manitoulin Treaty of 1862, as being an island adjacent to the great Manitoulin Island. The island is estimated to contain 6,000 acres. There was no estimate at the time of sale of the quantity of timber thereon, but the agent of the department at Manitowaning recommended the sale of the land and timber at the above sum, but at the same time reported that the soil on the island was for the most part worthless.

#### PRINTING BUREAU.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, 1. What sum has been expended for plant and other purposes for the Printing Bureau, from 1st July, 1888, to 1st February, 1889? 2. What total sum has been expended on account of building for said Printing Bureau to 1st February, 1889?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. On the plant the amount expended is \$82,452.89 to which \$531.60 are to be added for the organisation, making a total of \$82,984.49. The cost of the building up to the 1st of February, 1889, is \$129,146.01.

#### EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, What amount has been expended on the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, from the 1st July, 1888, to the 1st February, 1889?

Mr. CARLING. I must ask my hon. friend to let this question stand, as the information has to be obtained from two departments. I will be able to bring it down some time during the week.

#### INTERCOLONIAL DINING ROOMS.

Mr. GUAY asked, 1. Whether the persons who keep the dining rooms at the stations of Lévis, Trois Pistoies, Campbellton and Moncton, on the Intercolonial Railway, have secured that privilege under tenders called for by the Government; if so, when did the Government call for tenders, and in what newspapers were such calls published? 2. If the said privilege was not awarded under tenders, what amount do the parties keeping the said dining rooms pay yearly to the Government?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The persons who keep the dining rooms at the stations mentioned did not procure the privilege by tenders. The Government did not call for tenders, and the parties do not pay anything to the Government.

#### EXPORTS VIA UNITED STATES.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell) asked, Whether, in making up the quantity of goods exported from Canada to Great  
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Britain, articles passing through United States territory, in bond, for shipment to Great Britain, are included?

Mr. BOWELL. Yes.

#### JOSIAH ROSS—CUSTOMS SEIZURE.

Mr. COLTER asked, 1. Whether any seizure has been made, by authority of the Customs Department, upon the property of one Josiah Ross, at the village of Fort Erie, in the county of Welland? 2. The alleged offence of said Josiah Ross? 3. The terms on which it has been proposed to release the goods of said Josiah Ross from said seizure by the Customs Department, or any employé thereof at the village of Fort Erie, or in the vicinity thereof?

Mr. BOWELL. A seizure has been made on the property of one Josiah Ross, of the village of Fort Erie, in the county of Welland, not, however, by the authority of the Customs Department, but under the provisions of the law which give customs officers power to make seizures. The Customs Department had no knowledge of the seizure until it was made, and the fact reported to Ottawa. The alleged offence of the said Josiah Ross is that of smuggling and under-valuation. No terms have been proposed to release the goods of the said Josiah Ross from seizure by the Customs Department, nor by any employé thereof at the village of Fort Erie or in the vicinity thereof, to the knowledge of the department, nor can or will any terms be proposed until Mr. Inspector Newburn, who has been instructed to make an investigation, reports fully the facts connected with the said seizure.

#### SIX NATION INDIAN LANDS.

Mr. COLTER asked, Whether it is the intention of the Dominion Government to take immediate steps for the sale of Indian lands, surrendered for sale by the Six Nation Indians in the village of Caledonia, in the county of Haldimand, and what is the total acreage of said Indian lands?

Mr. DEWDNEY. A number of lots have been sold in the town plot of Caledonia, and steps have been taken by the department to ascertain the names of the squatters on the unsold lands in the town plot, the value and extent of their improvements, and also the value of the lots distinct from the improvements, with a view to the same, and any other lots that are disposable, being sold at an early date. The total area of the lots in the town-plot of Caledonia is 460 acres.

#### YORK-SIMCOE BATTALION KIT ALLOWANCE.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I told the hon. member (Mr. Mulock) who has a motion on the paper in regard to this subject, that I would give him an answer to-day. The Government, after full consideration of the facts, have resolved to give the York and Simcoe Battalion the kit allowance while they were on active duty in the North-West.

Mr. MULOCK. Do I understand that provision will be made for that in the Supplementary Estimates?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes.

Mr. MULOCK. I would call the attention of the Minister to a point which I think requires attention if complete justice is to be done in this matter. The kit allowance was made to other battalions. It was made, for example, to the 10th Royals, who went out on service, I think, at about the same time, and returned about the same time as the battalion whose claim I have been urging. Those battalions were paid, but it will be three years and a half later when the men to whom I refer are paid. If they are to be treated in the same way as the other battalions, it will be