

Justice) Wilson, who was then Solicitor-General, and there is no memorandum in the Department about them to show where they are now, whether they have been mislaid or destroyed. It is quite clear it would be highly improper, however, to go into a matter of more than twenty years standing. I have not Mr. Stanton's letter by me, in which he simply stated that I must be under some misapprehension, and that he had sent a petition signed. After hearing the hon. gentleman's statement, I fancy it must have been in this way: that Mr. Stanton enclosed a paper signed by some persons, and it was upon that document that the Minister of Justice thought he could found no investigation. But he wrote for another petition which would state the facts and dates and the suspicious circumstances to warrant an investigation. I dare say the hon. gentleman can quite understand that a process against a Judge is a very serious matter, and that the charges must be made with great particularity—must be charges of specific offences, must be so specific that there may be no difficulty in making enquiry into them. That paper, which was presumed to be a petition, setting forth specific charges, was unsigned, and has been sent back to be signed, and has not yet been received.

Mr. WILSON. Do I understand the hon. gentleman to say that it is not yet received?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I do not know. I only say that I received Mr. Stanton's letter on Saturday, and I sent it at once to the Department of Justice. I think the hon. gentleman was good enough to mention that he would bring up the matter to-day; but I will make more enquiries to-morrow, and on going into Supply, I shall be able to make a more specific reply than I have made now. At all events, I have given all the information I have myself.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. In the same Bill.

#### SUPPLY.

The House then again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

#### PUBLIC WORKS—CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

##### HARBOURS AND RIVERS, NOVA SCOTIA.

	Cow Bay .....	\$3,000 00
	Benecadie Pond—To complete work .....	1,500 00
	Cheverie .....	2,500 00
	Port Hood—To complete .....	8,000 00
111	Coffin's Island—To complete .....	1,000 00
	Port Lorne—To complete .....	500 00
	Three Fathom Harbour—To complete .....	600 00
	Great Village River—Locality furnishing \$4,000 .....	3,250 00
	Chipman's Brook—Repairs .....	1,000 00
	Harbourville—Repairs .....	1,000 00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Cow Bay vote is a re-vote. The work will be proceeded with by the Department. There has been a good deal of damage done to that pier by storms.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Apparently every year Cow Bay comes for a new grant. I think I remember it figuring in the Estimates at least a dozen times.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I suppose it is in a very exposed place. Up to 1878 the amount expended on it was \$90,000, and the amount expended since is \$41,000

Mr. MACKENZIE. It was bought from the proprietors in 1875.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Is there any chance of the expenditure coming to a final close?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I do not think so. As long as storms exist, I am afraid we shall have to repair the damage done by them. The hon. gentleman also knows that the worms do a great deal of damage to the timber there.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The worm that did most damage in that quarter was a Senator. I would like to know if any one is authorized to expend any money there without getting a vote from Parliament.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Nobody but the Department.

Mr. MACKENZIE. One of the first things that the hon. gentleman did after he came back to power, was to pay some \$5,000 or \$6,000 to a private person, who said he had expended it on this work. I hope that process will not be continued.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. All I can say is, that so far as I can recollect, the only money paid has been for work done by the Department. The vote for Benecadie Pond is a revote of \$1,500, which is required to complete the opening of a passage from the pond to the lake, and building the sides of the same with crib work. It is in Cape Breton. Cheverie is in the county of Hants. This sum includes a revote of \$1,500. The work is under contract, and this sum is required to complete it.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Will any of this cover extras?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. No; it is not an extra, the amount of the tender which was the lowest was larger than the vote of last year, and of course we have to supplement it by this sum. There is a contract there also. This is to pay for the balance of the contract. The contractor is Mr. J. McGee. His contract was for \$11,400, and the \$8,000 here asked for will complete it. The \$1,000 for Coffin's Island will complete the work; also the \$600 for Three Fathom Harbour. Great Village River is in the county of Colchester, and this amount of \$3,250 will complete the work. There is a contract there for \$12,000, of which this is the balance required. The \$1,000 for Chipman's Brook repairs is required in addition to the \$1,500 for the repairs to the old wall on the west side, as shown by an examination of the wharf. With reference to the \$1,000 for Harbourville, the Chief Engineer states this is required to complete the repairs now being carried out on the east and west piers, as shown by an examination lately made of these harbour works. This is in King's, Nova Scotia.

Mr. McISAAC. \$5,000 were voted last year for McNair's Cove. Has that money been expended?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I think it has been, or will be before the 1st of July.

Mr. McISAAC. Was the work done by contract or by day work?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. It must be by day work; it was a small vote and most likely expended in that way.

Mr. McISAAC. I expected to see this vote not only repeated but doubled this Session, in order to make the repairs which have been allowed to become necessary. This work was commenced and finished in the early years of Confederation, when hon. gentlemen opposite were in power, and it cost over \$30,000, from first to last, exclusive of last year's vote. In 1879 or 1880, in consequence of the storms that generally occur in the fall, a certain amount of damage was inflicted on this work. This damage I brought to the notice of the Minister at the time; and the people of the locality also, by a petition, brought it to his notice,