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Mr. McDONALD (Antigonish): Very little.

Mr. MACKENZIE assured the hon. member that the revenue derived from the works in Ontario, just referred to, was very considerable. The revenue from the Welland Canal was from six to seven per cent, and from the Slides and Booms, two and a half per cent.

Mr. McDONALD (Antigonish) thought it unfair that these appropriations for Nova Scotia should be objected to on all occasions.

Mr. MACKENZIE said he objected to this vote on its merits, and he was not to be deterred from expressing his opinion respecting it, through any threats of throwing Nova Scotia at his head.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said that all the arguments of the hon. members opposite could not explain away the fact this appropriation was for the completion and repair of a village wharf. The same could be said of the vote for aiding in the construction of a wharf at *Rivière du Loup en Haut*.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said in the latter case the appropriation was not for the construction of a village wharf. It was for the purpose of aiding the Local authorities to cut through a bar at the mouth of the river which would make the stream navigable for some distance up.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said this discussion was similar to the wrangles on Local appropriations in the Parliament of Old Canada. It was found necessary to make appropriations for none but works of a public nature, in order to get rid of the sectional feelings which votes for Local works were sure to engender. He regretted to see that the Government were adopting the old system, which, unless checked at once, would lead to fresh struggles between the Provinces. He was opposed to these supplementary estimates, and he believed in England they were looked upon as immoral in their tendency. The system recently adopted there, was to include all excepting the estimates which were absolutely necessary in the general estimates.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said the system adopted by this Government during the present session was a new one, but then the circumstances were new too. A number of the members from Nova Scotia who formerly opposed the Government were now numbered amongst their supporters.

The item was carried.

The following items were carried without discussion:

Legislation	\$ 1,250.00
Arts, Agriculture and Statistics	\$50,000.00
Immigration and Quarantine	\$7,500.00

Penitentiaries	\$14,000.00
Lighthouse and coast service	\$20,950.00
To pay expenses connected with organising and carrying on Government in British Columbia (in addition to revenue received therein)	\$125,000.00
To pay one half of the cost of surveying boundary line between Ontario and the North West Territories	\$15,000.00
Cost of printing Proclamations and Orders in Council to carry out laws	\$5,000.00
Inland Revenue	\$2,700.00
Post Office	\$12,500.00

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN in reply to Mr. Mackenzie, explained that this latter appropriation was made for establishing a mail service through our own territory to Fort Garry.

Mr. MACKENZIE said he was glad to know that such an arrangement had been arrived at. (*Hear, hear.*) It was anything but dignified for this country to be obliged to depend on our neighbours to carry our mails from one part of the Dominion to another.

This concluded the supplementary estimates.

Mr. STREET presented the seventh report of the Library Committee.

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STATUE OF HER MAJESTY, &C.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER moved the following resolution: "That the authority of this House be given for the purchase by the Joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament for the Library at such prices as they may deem advisable, of Mr. Marshall Wood's statues of Her Majesty and the busts of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and charge such price against the appropriation for unforeseen expenses for the current year." He explained that His Excellency approved of the resolution.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON asked for explanations respecting the statue of Her Majesty in the Senate Chamber.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said he understood that Mr. Marshall Wood had brought them out, and the statue of Her Majesty had been placed in the Senate Chamber where it could be inspected by the members of this Parliament.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said he understood that the statue had been taken possession of by the Board of Works on its arrival here and placed in the Senate by them. He protested against this irregular act