Officers. The Government did not pay such accounts unless represented. He was not aware than any complaint had been made of any officer keeping back moneys which ought to have been paid to parties for the conveyance of troops.

**Mr. BLANCHET:** Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring down, during the present session, a Bill for the Regulation of Weights and Measures?

**Hon. Mr. MORRIS** understood that a measure had been framed by the Imperial Government, which they intended to present to Parliament during the present session, and it was thought advisable to obtain the benefit of it before introducing a Bill here.

**Mr. BLANCHET:** Whether it is the intention of the Government to keep up, during the coming session, the naval force charged with the protection of the Canadian fishermen in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and if so, whether her Majesty's squadron is to give its support and co-operation to the Dominion force?

**Hon. Mr. TUPPER:** It is the intention of the Government to provide the same force as before, and the Imperial Government would continue to aid the Dominion.

In reply to Hon. Mr. Smith (Westmorland), **Hon. Mr.** LANGEVIN said that it was the intention of the Government to provide additional railway stock on government railways in New Brunswick.

**Hon. Mr. Le VESCONTE:** Whether it is the intention of the Government to enlarge the St. Peter's Canal so as to permit the passage of a paddle-wheeled steamer through the locks thereof, and facilitate the navigation through said canal by placing mooring buoys outside of each entrance thereto?

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said it was the intention of the government to cause an examination of the canal to be made to ascertain what may be required.

In reply to Mr. Cumberland, **Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said that it was the intention of the Government to place a sum in the Estimates for the purpose of constructing a wharf at Prince Arthur Landing.

**Mr. CUMBERLAND:** Whether, in view of the large influx of miners and others to the Thunder Bay and Shebandowan districts, which in consequence of recent important mineral discoveries there, is expected to occur on the opening of navigation, it is the intention of the Government to make any additional provision by the establishment of a police force or otherwise, for the keeping of the peace and the maintenance of law and order in those localities?

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said the matter was under the consideration of the Government.

**Hon. Mr. McKEAGNEY:** Whether it be the intention of the Government to establish a Savings Bank in the County of Cape Breton, and if so, when it may be expected to go into operation?

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** said it was the intention of the Government to do so, and that it would come into operation on 1st July next.

**Hon. Mr. CHAUVEAU:** Whether it is the intention of the Government to adopt more effectual measures for the protection of fish in the rivers and lakes North of Quebec; the said lakes and rivers being in many cases fished without any regard for the future by foreign speculators?

**Hon. Mr. TUPPER** said it was the intention of the Government to take the most effectual measures in their power, but that much depended on the inhabitants themselves in the carrying out of the laws for the protection of fish in rivers and lakes.

In answer to Mr. Houghton,

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said it was the intention of the Government to take measures for the removal of one of the rocks knows as the "Sisters," which endanger the navigation of the Fraser River in British Columbia, between New Westminster and Yale.

In answer to Mr. De Cosmos,

**Hon. Mr. HOWE** said it was not the intention of the Government to make an appropriation for a Geological Museum in British Columbia. He would remark that no such Provincial Museums existed in the Dominion.

**Mr. WORKMAN:** Whether it is the intention of the Government, in view of the great pressure of legal business at Montreal, and the reported indisposition of the Judges there, to appoint a fifth Judge for that City and District?

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** said that an Act had been passed by the Quebec Legislature authorizing a sixth Judge and it was the intention of the Government to ask a vote for the salary, when the appointment would be made.

**Mr. WORKMAN:** Whether it is the intention of the Government, in view of the greatly increased cost of the necessaries of life, and the changes in society during the past twenty-five years, to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Province of Quebec, which were fixed at their present amount a great many years since, when rearing and educating a family, and the cost of living were less than one-half of what they now are, more especially in the cities of Montreal and Quebec.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said it was not the intention of the Government to do so this year.

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## SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT OF INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

Mr. JONES (Leeds North and Grenville North) moved for an address for a statement of the costs and charges connected with the