

the Government would pursue in their future disposal.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD said the surveys had just been completed. The policy of the Government would be that the claims of actual settlers on the Islands would first be considered, and after that the lands which were not settled would be put up to auction by public competition.

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INDIAN COUNCIL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. De COSMOS asked if the Government intended to create a Council in British Columbia for the management of Indian Affairs in that Province; if so, who and how many persons would form the Council and at what salaries; and if the Council would have power to make appointments and also to expend the sums voted by Parliament without first consulting the Minister of the Interior.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD said the late Government, in June last, passed an Order in Council to establish a Board of Indian Commissioners for British Columbia, not an Indian Council, and the present Government had taken some steps to carry out that arrangement, but they were not yet completed. The Order in Council contemplated a Board consisting of the Governor General and two Commissioners, the first to receive \$2,700, and the Assistants \$2,000, but no money would be expended without the consent of the Minister of the Interior.

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. De COSMOS asked if the Government intended to continue this year the geological survey of British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD said the arrangements respecting the geological survey were not quite complete, but it was the intention of Government to continue the survey.

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STEAMERS BETWEEN SARNIA AND LAKE SUPERIOR

Mr. WOOD (Hamilton) enquired if it was the intention of Government to subsidize steamers between Sarnia and Lake Superior, and whether such steamers would be required to call at Kincardine and Southampton.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry) said the subject was engaging the attention of Government.

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THE AMNESTY QUESTION

Mr. PALMER asked whether it was the intention of Government to apply for an amnesty for all or any, and what offenses committed by persons engaged in the insurrection of the Northwest Territory in 1869.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: It is not the intention of Government to apply for an amnesty for any offenses at present. (*Hear, hear and applause.*)

MR. ARCHIBALD McKELLER

Mr. STEPHENSON had given notice of the following question, which, on its being called, he said he wished to stand: Whether it is the intention of government to appoint the Hon. Archibald McKeller to the office of Commissioner or Superintendent of the Welland Canal, or to any other position on that public work.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: I am quite prepared to answer Mr. Stephenson's question, if he desire to put it.

Mr. STEPHENSON: I do not desire to put it. (*Hear, hear, and cries of "Drop".*)

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

Mr. MASSON moved for a return of correspondence on the subject of Provincial legislation.—Carried.

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FREE ADMISSION OF MACHINERY

Mr. YOUNG moved for a return showing in detail the quantity and character of the machinery admitted into Canada free of duty under the Order in Council admitting free machinery not manufactured in the Dominion, the return to embrace the last three years. He said he desired to ascertain the amount of machinery that had come into the country under that Order in Council.

There was great reason to believe the Order in Council had been used in very many cases for the purpose of embracing a large quantity of machinery which was manufactured in the country at the present time. He considered it necessary that justice should be done to our manufacture interests in this respect. It was not a question that would materially affect Free Trade and Protection, because it was a well-established rule that machinery not manufactured in this country should not pay duty.—Carried.

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ELECTION EXPENSES

Mr. YOUNG moved for a return of all sums paid to defray the expenses of the late elections to this House in the different electoral districts throughout the Dominion, showing the returning officers and deputy returning officers to whom the same were paid, and distinguishing the different services for which the same were allowed.—Carried.

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RAILWAY CARRYING TRADE

Mr. OLIVER moved that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the railway carrying trade of this Dominion, with power to report from time to time, and send for persons, papers, and records. The said Committee should consist of Messrs. Bertram, Brown, Cameron (Huron South), Church, Gordon, Stirton, Thomson (Welland), Archibald, Brooks, Kerr and Oliver.—Carried.