

order, they obtained the property which they would have had under the present system to give up to the Western Union Telegraph Company, after putting it in perfect order. If they had not adopted the new system, instead of having a capital of \$50,000 invested, the capital would be \$35,000. He would, while on this subject, explain to the hon. gentleman about the tariff of rates. That tariff had been changed altogether: they found it not to be defensible. As the tariff existed previous to the late change, the rate for ten words from Victoria to Ottawa was \$2.75; under the new tariff, for ten words, it was altogether \$1.25; this was a reduction of \$1.50, more than half of the old rate being taken off. For ten words, from Victoria to San Francisco, under the old system, they paid \$2; under the new system it would be \$1 during the day and 50c. at night.

MR. MACKENZIE: How are the rates within the Provinces?

MR. LANGEVIN: They have been modified considerably, but altogether the tendency has been to reduce the rates, and we believe that, under the new system, we will have a greater revenue than under the old system. I do not know whether the collections—the revenues—will be as large as the expenses, but we are trying to make both ends meet.

MR. MACKENZIE: Last year the expenditure was \$48,000, and the revenue \$5,000.

MR. LANGEVIN: Yes; but the repairs to cables were very heavy; the repairs will be very small indeed, we expect, under the new system.

MR. DAWSON: The cost of sending telegraphic messages to Thunder Bay and in that direction is very large, and it will be until we have a telegraphic system connecting us with British Columbia. I suggested an easy way of overcoming this inconvenience, and it was that we should lay a submarine line through Lake Superior. There are about 100 or 120 miles now open with which we could thus connect. This would give us a good line on our own territory. I merely mention this *en passant*.

MR. LANGEVIN: That may engage your attention.

Vote agreed to.

Miscellaneous.

128	{	Miscellaneous Works, not otherwise provided for.....	\$10,000
		Surveys and Inspections.....	25,000
		Arbitrations and Awards.....	5,000

Dominion Steamers.

129	Maintenance and repairs of Steamers <i>Napoleon III</i> , <i>Newfield</i> , <i>Druid</i> , <i>Glenlon</i> , <i>Sir James Douglas</i> and <i>Northern Light</i> ....	\$125,000
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MR. ANGLIN said he was surprised to find that the *Glenlon* was one of the vessels included in this vote. Considering what was said of her last Session, it was reasonable to expect that she would be got rid of as soon as possible. As she was employed in the service, he was glad to see that she was not considered quite so worthless as she had been thought to be at one time.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.) said he was glad the hon. gentleman opposite was so proud of the vessel he wished they had her at one-third of what she cost. The Government had her on hand, and they had to make the best of her. She was not a vessel that would capsize, but she could go ashore in a gale of wind; she was as broad as she was long. The Government could only wait, and keep the vessel on hand until they could replace her, and, in the meantime, use her for such work as she could perform.

Vote agreed to.

Mail Subsidies.

130	Steam communication between Halifax and St. John <i>via</i> Yarmouth.....	\$10,000
131	Steam communication on Lakes Huron and Superior.....	10,000
132	Steam service between San Francisco and Victoria, British Columbia.....	25,000
133	Steam communication with the Magdalen Islands.....	7,800
134	Steam communication between Grand Manan, N.B., and mainland.....	1,500
135	Subsidy to steamer between Campbellton, N.B., and Gaspe and intermediate ports.....	9,000
136	To provide for one year's subsidy, to be granted at the rate of \$50,000 per annum, to line of steamers to trade between Canada and West Indies and Brazil, provided a like amount be paid by the Brazilian Government..	50,000

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT enquired what was the position in which this scheme stood?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said