

amount to \$1,621,000. During the last three years, it would thus be seen, they had spent on an average more than \$1,500,000 a year on the militia, and there was something to show to their credit on account of this large expenditure. The Government of Canada had in store, paid for, \$457,000 worth of property, and in the hands of the militia and volunteers they had \$828,000 clothing, &c. Then they had the value of the drill-sheds in the two provinces, Upper and Lower Canada, amounting to \$81,000. The value of their gunboats was \$33,000, making in all \$1,400,000 worth which belonged to the Government of Canada.

Mr. MACKENZIE inquired if the amount set down for drill-sheds was the sum paid by Government or the local value of these sheds. The municipalities, it should be remembered, paid half their cost.

Hon. Mr. CARTIER would answer the question fully another day. The municipalities, it was true, contributed their share, but he believed the property became that of the Government, but he would make inquiry about it. Government at all events owned about one-third the value of the drill-sheds. Now the aggregate of all the property belonging to the Militia Department was \$1,400,000, and supposing \$40,000 were deducted from that for the share owned by the municipalities in the drill sheds, \$1,360,000 worth of property would be left to represent a portion of the expenditure, of which he had just spoken. He believed the member for Chateauguay did not believe in the usefulness of such property as not paying a dividend. But inasmuch as it was property for the defence of the country, it was really yielding a larger dividend to the people of the Dominion than if the money it represented was sunk in bank stock. He came now to the bill of costs. (Hear, hear). He said "hear, hear," too; and would expect his friends not to be frightened beforehand.

It being six o'clock the House rose.

After recess,

Hon. Mr. CARTIER resumed his speech. The measure which he was about to introduce, if it became law, would afford the means of protection and defence required during the last three years, but at a greatly reduced expenditure. Should there be another Fenian invasion, they would be met with still stronger force than on the previous occasion. They would make known by their fortifications and militia measure that they were determined to be British—(hear)—that they would acknowledge no other sovereign. He felt sure that if it were necessary to carry out an expensive measure of defence, the House would sanction it. (Hear). His measure was an