

Sir John A. Macdonald hoped the honourable gentleman would not press the motion. These reports must necessarily be confidential, and any such as would be laid before Parliament would be in the briefest form.

Motion stands.

EXPENSE OF WORKS ON BLACK RIVER

Mr. Mills moved for a return of the amount paid since July, 1866, for works connected with the descent of timber on the Black River, County of Pontiac. Carried.

INTERCOLONIAL R. R.

Mr. Mackenzie moved for a return of the Orders-in-Council and correspondence regarding the Intercolonial Railroad, and the Imperial Guarantee Act since 1st July, 1867—Carried.

HARBOUR OF MABOU

Mr. Cameron (Inverness) moved for copies of correspondence relating to the improvement of the Harbour of Mabou—Carried.

CANADA LIVE STOCK INSURANCE

Hon. Mr. Carling introduced a Bill to incorporate the Canada Live Stock Insurance Company, second reading to-morrow.

COUNTIES OF QUEBEC AND PORTNEUF

Hon. Mr. Chauveau's Bill to annex a portion of the Seignory of Belair to the County of Quebec, and another portion thereof to the County of Portneuf, was read a third time and passed.

INCORPORATED COMPANIES

Hon. Mr. Abbott moved the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of incorporated companies (from the Senate). He explained that the process was adopted from the English Act for winding up Joint Stock Companies, and enabled the company or stockholders to wind it up more simply or summarily than could be done at present by the issue of a prerogative writ. He intended to ask its reference to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. Holton said that as the Bill was to be referred in that way, he would reserve his objections.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin had many faults to find with the Bill. It went altogether too far, and would he hoped, be largely amended before it passed.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SALARY

Mr. Dufresne's Bill to fix the salary of the Governor-General was read a second time.

Mr. Dufresne moved that the House go into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin objected.

Mr. Dufresne maintained that he was in order, and not at the mercy of the honourable gentleman.

Hon. Mr. Holton said that the motion was perfectly in order.

Sir John A. Macdonald hoped that the objection would be withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin went into the merits of the question, and argued that members would be belittling themselves by fixing the Governor-General's salary at \$32,000 a year. Besides, the Governor-General of Canada was quite as much entitled to 10,000 pounds a year as the Governor of Victoria. Canada was a colony which would compare favourably with that sister colony.

Mr. Metcalfe maintained that the honourable member for Brome had drawn an unfair comparison. There was really no fair comparison between Canada and Victoria, the city of Melbourne was far superior to any city in British America and had twice the population of any of them, and the comparison between the Governor-General of the Dominion and the representative of Her Majesty in a similar position in Victoria was still more unfortunate. The Governor-General of Victoria had to pay some of his servants 100 pounds a year, and when he was in Melbourne he remembered that even a coachman could not be got for less than 6 pounds a week, and that almost every article sold was five or six times as dear as in Canada. (Hear, hear). For this reason it would be seen that the comparison of the member for Brome was not at all applicable.

The House then went into Committee, Mr. Jones in the Chair.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Holton, the 2nd clause, repealing the portion of the Imperial Act relating to the question of salary was struck out, the House not having power to make such an enactment.