

culated; and of all letters and correspondence, statements, documents and papers pertaining to the letting of the contract and to any and all of the tenders.—(Mr. Barron.)

Copies of forms of advertisement and of tender, of tenders received of the contract entered into in connection with a steam service between any ports in the Maritime Provinces and any West India ports; also all correspondence connected therewith between any of the Public Departments and any persons interested in the establishment of the said service.—(Mr. Trow for Mr. Ellis.)

Return, in detail, of all expenses attending the passage and enforcement of the "Liquor License Act" of 1883 up to date; 2. The amount of all law costs *pro* its constitutionality; 3. The names of all the legal firm or firms employed by the Government, and the amount paid said firm or firms.—(Mr. Trow for Mr. Cook.)

Copies of all petitions forwarded to the Government by Messrs. Nazaire Ouellet, Geo. Voyer, Alfred Ouellet, F. Côté, and others, in relation to damages caused to their properties by the Intercolonial Railway.—(Mr. Fiset.)

Return showing the original cost of the Marine Hospital at Sackville, including cost of the site; the number of patients received each year into such hospital; the annual cost of such hospital.—(Mr. Davies, P.E.I.)

Copies of all instructions issued by the Director of the Geological Survey to officers in charge of all surveying parties sent into the field within the last five years.—(Mr. Mulock.)

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 11th March, 1890.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

THE MEMBER FOR LINCOLN.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved:

That whereas it appears from certain documents and letters published in the Votes and Proceedings of this House, that John Charles Rykert, member for the County of Lincoln, did, in or about the beginning of the month of April, A.D. 1882, apply to the Government of Canada for a grant of certain timber limits in the North-West Territories, at or near Cypress Hills, in the name of one John Adams, and that, at or about the time of such application, he procured an agreement to be signed by the said John Adams, whereby, in consideration of the services of the said John C. Rykert, alleged to be voluntarily given, in obtaining the grant of such limits, the said Adams agreed to assign to the wife of the said John C. Rykert one-half interest in the limits so applied for, and to pay over to her one-half of all the net proceeds of the sale of all timber thereon or the purchase money derived therefrom, which agreement is in the words and figures following:—

Memorandum of agreement made this third day of April, A.D. 1882.—Between John Adams, of the city of Winnipeg, of the first part; and Nannie Marie Rykert, of the city of St. Catharines, of the second part.

Whereas the above named John Adams has, through the intervention of John Charles Rykert, obtained certain limits in the North-West Territories, at or near Cypress Hills, and has, in consideration of the services of the said Rykert, voluntarily given him, agreed, to and with the said party hereto of the second part, to give to her one-half the proceeds of the said limit, after deducting all expenses connected therewith:

Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the premises, hath agreed, and by these presents doth agree, to assign and transfer to the said party of the second part one-half interest in the limits applied for and to be granted by the Government at or near the Cypress Hills, in the North-West Territory, and to pay over and account to her for one-half of all the net proceeds of the

sale of all timber thereon or for the purchase money derived therefrom, after deducting all expenses and charges in connection therewith.

"Witness the hands and seals of the parties hereto the day and year above written.

(Signed) "JOHN ADAMS.

"Witness: (Signed) J. C. RYKERT."

That whereas it further appears from such documents that the application of the said John C. Rykert was successful, and that an Order in Council was, on the 17th April, A.D. 1882, approved granting to the said Adams such limits, and that the said J. C. Rykert in such correspondence claimed and insisted that he was successful in procuring such Order in Council owing to the extraordinary influence he, the said Rykert, possessed with the Department of the Interior and with the Government, as appears from the following extracts from the letters of the said Rykert to the said Adams, contained in such Votes and Proceedings, viz., on the 11th April, 1882:

"I to-day saw McCarthy, and he was terribly surprised to hear that I had got the limit, as he was refused point-blank. He is willing to join with us in the survey, and I go to Hamilton to get Laidlaw to say where he wants the limit. He has written me he will do almost anything if I will assist him in getting his. I will write you from home on Thursday. The Order in Council went before the Government to-day, and it is likely it will pass at once. Instructions will then be given to the surveyor. We are awfully lucky, as the deputy told me that no other man could have forced them to yield."

And again on the 16th April, 1882:

"The Order was passed several days ago. Laidlaw is to meet me in Hamilton to-morrow. He has not yet got his Order, and is now of opinion that I have more influence than McCarthy, who told me he was refused by the Government."

And again on the 21st April:

"The Order in Council has been finally passed, and this although every effort was made to induce the Government to alter their minds."

And again on the 24th April:

"Laidlaw offered to bet me \$1,000 I could not get the Order passed for you, as he had been refused in January and again in February."

And again on the 10th May:

"Laidlaw only got his Order passed this week, and he had to get me to help him, so you see who had the influence with the Government after all."

And again on the 1st August, 1882:

"It will be satisfactory to know, after my hard fight with the Government, that I did get what you anticipated. I would not go through the same difficulty again for twice the amount. I never spent such six weeks before as I did while endeavoring to force the Department to do justice. The fact of their having refused McCarthy before had a great deal to do with the delay and refusal. Poor Laidlaw. I am pleased he did not get the start of this child. He thought he was very smart and had all the influence of the country at his back. I think another time they will recognise the fact that J. C. R. is not very easily defeated at anything."

And whereas it further appears that the said limits were subsequently sold, by, and on behalf of said Adams and Rykert, to one Louis Sands, at and for the sum of \$200,000, and that the said John C. Rykert did, on the 16th day of January, A.D. 1883, receive from the said John Adams the sum of \$74,200 out of the said purchase money, and which sum was payable under the said agreement as and for the share of the said John C. Rykert, or his wife, in the said limits, and that he signed a receipt therefor in the following terms:—

"WINNIPEG, MAN., 16th January, 1883.

"Received from John Adams \$35,000 in cash by drafts on the Bank of Montreal, and four notes of Louis Sands for \$39,200, payable in one and two years. All payable to the order of Mrs. N. M. Rykert, and in full of the moneys payable to her under agreement.

(Signed) "J. C. RYKERT,
"Her Attorney."

That whereas it appears from the *Hansard* report of the proceedings of the House that, on the 2nd day of May, A.D. 1883, Mr. Charlton, the then and present member for North Norfolk, did in his place ask: "If the said John C. Rykert did not negotiate the transaction in connection with the timber limits in the Cypress Hills, and if he did not, as agent for other parties, get a timber limit there at \$5 a square mile and sell it at \$2,000 a square mile, and if he did not get such limit on behalf of one Adams, and if he did not go to Winnipeg in