

of the officers in charge of it, but it was, properly speaking, the property of the Imperial Government.

The House adjourned at 5 p. m.

## THE SENATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

After Routine proceedings.

### THE FISHERIES AWARD.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU moved—That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all documents and pleadings relating to the questions decided by the award rendered at Halifax, on the subject of the indemnity of five million five hundred thousand dollars, under the Treaty of Washington, particularly the twenty-second and twenty-third articles of that Treaty, and all copies of all letters and despatches between Her Majesty's Government and those of the United States of America, and of Canada, on the same subject since the rendering of the award. He said it was unnecessary for him to use any argument to show the necessity of having those important documents printed. Our able and distinguished lawyer, Mr. Joseph Doutre, had informed him that they contained much that was of value and interest to the people of this country. He concurred in the opinion expressed in this Chamber by several hon. gentlemen who had taken part in the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, that the award of the Arbitration would be paid by the United States Government in the same prompt and honorable way, that the British Government had paid the indemnity awarded to the United States by the Geneva Arbitration.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.—I learned from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to-day, that he has received a printed copy of the proceedings, and there will be no objection to its being brought down.

The motion was carried.

*Hon. Mr. Scott.*

### THE BREAKWATER AT WEST ARICHAT.

Hon. Mr. MILLER moved :—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all surveys and reports made by any Government Engineer within the last six years, in relation to the Breakwater at West Arichat, in the Island of Cape Breton. He (Mr. Miller) asked the indulgence of the Senate, while he made a few brief remarks in explanation of the motion. The harbor of West Arichat was one of the most important shipping ports in the Island of Cape Breton, and owned a considerable amount of tonnage. It was so frequented by vessels that the late Government considered it necessary to erect a light-house specially for the use of shipping resorting to the port. The harbor was once a very good one, but had suffered serious injury by the drifting of sand and gravel, which was fast filling up the safest anchorage. Before Confederation, the Provincial Government, chiefly through his (Mr. Miller's) exertions, had undertaken to arrest the complete destruction of the harbor of West Arichat, by the construction of a breakwater between Crichton's Island and Isle Madame. The work had been undertaken, and was half completed at the time of the Union of the Provinces, at an expenditure of about \$8,000. Since then nothing had been done. The old work was nearly useless, and was fast becoming destroyed. The harbour was also gradually filling up, and would ere long be comparatively useless to the shipping of the country. The Government should do something now to stop its destruction, ere it was too late. He did not know why it was that this important subject had been so long neglected by those whose duty it was to look after the matter. Feeling this, last session he (Mr. Miller) brought the question to the notice of the Government from his place in the Senate, because he considered that the past neglect and injustice had been tolerated too long. He was then met by the hon. gentlemen opposite in a manner that led him to believe that his remarks had produced a good effect. He trusted that either in the regular or the supplementary estimates a sum would be placed this year for the completion of this breakwater. It certainly ought to be