

so that they would have little or no employment in the service with which they were best acquainted. It would be better to keep them in Lower Canada.

Vote agreed to.

Nova Scotia.

163 Indians of Nova Scotia generally.. \$4,500

New Brunswick.

164 Indians of New Brunswick generally..... 4,500

MR. ANGLIN said those Indians were making no progress towards civilisation. Nothing had been done, except in one or two places, to induce them to settle down to habits of industry, or engage in agricultural pursuits. Only one or two attempts were made to establish schools, the Indians being, on the whole, illiterate. The present mode of distributing the money was unsatisfactory, and it did little good, being doled out in small sums. The salaries and travelling expenses of the two Indian Commissioners absorbed nearly one-third of the grant. The old system of gratuitous distribution, under the Catholic priests, was far more beneficial to the Indians, who are Catholics. He would ask, in behalf of those poor Indians, for a better management and distribution of their Fund. Much more could be done to civilise them and train them to industry.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: Has the Report respecting Indians affairs yet made its appearance?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: It has been ready for some time, with the exception of a Return from the North-West, for which it has been waiting.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: It is difficult to discuss these items without the Report or sufficient information. There is none in the Estimates.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: The vote is merely a repetition of that of last and the preceding year. The Department was so well managed by my predecessor that I have continued the old practices and votes.

MR. MILLS: The right hon. gentleman made a speech in Ottawa lately, in which he expressed a different opinion, speaking disparagingly of its management under myself, and highly of its management under my successor, the present Minister. I do not know whether he is now forming a less unjust opinion of the late and

MR. DAWSON.

a lower opinion of the present Minister's management or not.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Perhaps a little of both.

MR. MILLS: It is not creditable to the present Minister that the Report is not yet produced. It used to be submitted at the beginning of the Session. These delays in the furnishing of information should not be tolerated.

Vote agreed to.

Prince Edward Island.

165 Indians of Prince Edward Island generally \$2,055

British Columbia.

166 { Indians of British Columbia-
generally 26,788
Surveys and Reserve Commission 24,140

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: How is it proposed to dispose of this sum? It is the same amount as voted last year.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: It will be applied after the same fashion as the previous votes. There will be a change, however, in the system of management. The Superintendency of the Indians was divided into two branches—the Mainland and the Island Agency. We have thought it better to have the Indians under one Superintendent. The late officer will be retained under him. Mr. Trutch, who was long Commissioner of Public Lands in that Province, and has had a great deal to do with the management of Indian affairs, has been appointed in the place of Mr. Sprout, who has resigned. Mr. Trutch will have the management of the railway lands to be assigned by the Province to the Dominion for the construction of the Pacific Railway. He will be charged by the hon. the Minister of Railways with the supervising of any portion of the Railway built in British Columbia.

MR. MILLS: Will the right hon. gentleman say, whether the amount taken last year to pay for surveys, is likely to be expended before the expiration of the present year.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: It will cover the year to the 1st July next.

MR. MILLS: There was a small appropriation last year. How has it been