

O'Donohoe's appointment conveyed to that gentleman; and, if so, when? (5.) For how long a time did the understanding continue that Mr. O'Donohoe should be a Privy Councillor and Minister, and when was it broken off?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. If the hon. gentleman will renew that question next week, I will be able to revive my recollection of the circumstances.

INCREASE OF NET PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. CHARLTON asked, What is the increase of the net Public Debt from March 1st, 1885, to March 1st, 1886?

Mr. McLELAN. The increase from the 1st March, 1885, to the 1st March, 1886, was \$15,856,422.

THE CASE OF LOUIS RIEL.

Mr. AMYOT asked, On what authority did Mr. Justice Richardson state, in pronouncing sentence upon Louis Riel, that he could not give him hope that Her Majesty would exercise mercy in his behalf? Was he authorised by the Executive to make that declaration?

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). I have to say that the Government had no communication with Mr. Richardson on that subject. It is presumed that the intimation which Mr. Justice Richardson made, was made by him, as it occasionally is by other judges in similar cases, as indicating his own view of the case being one in which Executive clemency should not be exercised.

THE GROSS PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. CHARLTON asked, What is the increase of the gross Public Debt from March 1st, 1885, to March 1st, 1886?

Mr. McLELAN. The amount is \$24,983,770.

BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

Mr. EDGAR asked, Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any general Bankruptcy Law this Session? If such be not their intention, will any special committee be proposed by them, as was done last Session, to consider the subject of insolvency legislation?

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any Bill on that subject, and it is not deemed necessary to invite the House to appoint a committee on the subject, inasmuch as the committee seemed to have terminated their labors last Session, and their deliberations resulted in the bringing in of a Bill which any member can bring forward, without any further deliberations on the part of the committee.

THE CASE OF LOUIS RIEL.

Mr. AMYOT asked, What is the date of the Order in Council ordering the execution of Louis Riel?

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). The date of the Order in Council to which the hon. member probably has reference, being the Order in Council directing that the law should take its course, was the 12th November, 1885.

Mr. AMYOT asked, What was the motive of the third respite granted to Louis Riel?

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). In order to give time for the arrival at Ottawa of the report on the medical condition of Louis Riel.

BOUNDARIES OF ONTARIO.

Mr. MILLS asked, Whether the Government propose to invite any action by Parliament in reference to the bound-

aries of Ontario? If so, what action is Parliament to be invited to take, and when?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That subject is now under the consideration of the Government.

THE CASE OF LOUIS RIEL.

On the Order,

Resolution, That this House feels it its duty to express its deep regret that the sentence of death passed upon Louis Riel, convicted of high treason, was allowed to be carried into execution.

Mr. LANDRY (Montmagny). With the permission of this House I will postpone the consideration of this motion until next week. Some members are leaving to-night, and they have asked me to postpone the discussion of this question until next week; and if the House will permit me, I will allow it to stand.

Motion allowed to stand.

Mr. AMYOT moved for:

Copies of all commissions, letters, telegrams or instructions whatsoever, given, furnished or sent by the Government, by any Minister or Ministers, or any officer of the Department of Justice, to His Honor Mr. Justice Hugh Richardson, in relation to the trial of Riel at Regina, or to the counsel representing the Government at the trial; also copies of any instructions given to any person whatsoever on the staff of the court presided over by the said Judge, and to the counsel representing the Government at the said trial.

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). I am not aware that there are any such documents as are enquired for in the first part of this Address, but if there are, they will be brought down.

Motion agreed to.

DISMISSAL OF THE POSTMASTER OF STRATHLORNE, N. S.

Mr. CAMERON (Inverness). As it has been reported in the public press in Nova Scotia that the Postmaster of Strathlorne was removed from office for efficiently discharging his duty, and as I doubt that the Postmaster-General would remove him for that reason, I beg to move for:

Copies of all correspondence relative to the dismissal of Isaac McLeod, Esq., Strathlorne, Inverness, from the position of Postmaster at that place, including the Post Office Inspector's report.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Every paper relating to the matter will be brought down.

Motion agreed to.

THE CASE OF LOUIS RIEL.

Mr. AMYOT moved for:

Copies of all letters, reports, telegrams and documents whatsoever relating to the several respites granted, on or without his application, to the late Louis Riel; also copies of the Order in Council directing the execution of Louis Riel; also, of any letters or telegrams transmitted by one of the physicians to enquire into the mental condition of Louis Riel, or by all of them collectively.

He said: As I understand that the question raised by my hon. friend from Montmagny (Mr. Landry) will come up next Thursday, I hope the Government will not delay bringing down the papers which are asked for, and which are anxiously waited for by the House. I need not say that we want to see all the papers concerning this important question.

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). There is no objection to the motion, and the documents will be prepared as soon as possible, considering the large number that have been called for.

Motion agreed to.