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of the breakwater, and deepening the said harbour so as to admit vessels of heavy draught.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said the vote given last year was given upon the condition of a similar sum being provided by the Railway Company and the town. The arrangement could not be perfected; but lately his Department had communications on the subject, and re-vote would be asked.

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TEMISCOUATA ROAD

Mr. COSTIGAN asked whether the Government will consider the Temiscouata Road, referred to in the Estimates, as extending from Rivière de Loup in Quebec to Edmunston in New Brunswick, or if the expenditure for such road will be limited to that portion of it lying in the Province of Quebec, thereby making such expenditure purely provincial, to the detriment of that part of the said road lying in New Brunswick and upon which so far no portion of the former and similar appropriation had been expended.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said the vote of last year was given with that object and it was the intention of the Government to use as much of the vote of the present year as was required upon that road.

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IMPROVEMENTS ON THE RIVER SYDENHAM

Mr. MILLS asked whether it is the intention of the Government to ask of the House during the present session an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the River Sydenham.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said the Government had not yet decided what they would do on that river.

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PACIFIC RAILWAY TERMINUS

Mr. De COSMOS asked what is the reason that Esquimalt had not been named as the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway in a charter granted to Sir Hugh Allan and others, inasmuch as the Government pledged itself last session to make the said port the western terminus of the said railway, and whether it is still the intention of the Government to make Esquimalt the western terminus of the said railway.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said the terminus of the Pacific Railway had been stated in the charter in accordance with the Act passed last session defining the terminus of the Railway. The Charter contained an exact description of the Railway, and the two termini that were contained in the Act. The Charter could not properly have any other description of the Railway than that

authorized by the statute. The promises made by the Government last session would be carried out.

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INSURANCE ON THE TORONTO CUSTOM HOUSE

Mr. WILKES asked whether the Custom House building in Toronto was insured previous to the late fire in the adjoining block; if so, in what company, and for what amount; also, if action was made for damages by the said fire, and if so, whether such claim had been paid.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said the Government had not insured any buildings.

Mr. WILKES: Does that answer apply to the past as well as the present?

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said it applied to the past and to this question.

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SAINT JOHN HARBOUR SURVEY

Mr. PALMER asked whether it is the intention of the Government to have the survey of the harbour of Saint John, New Brunswick, immediately proceeded with, and if not, how soon.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said it was the intention of the Government to proceed with the survey as soon as the vote of money which they were asking Parliament to grant was available.

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SALARIES OF JUDGES

Mr. SAVARY moved for copies of all correspondence which had taken place since the 1st July, 1867, between the Government of the Dominion and the Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, touching the inequality of the salaries of the judges of the same standing in the different provinces. After alluding to the statute affecting the salaries of judges in that Province, he dwelt upon the importance of the question raised by the motion. The judges of the Maritime Provinces had to perform duties as important as the judges of the other provinces, and had the same jurisdiction.

After paying a high compliment to Judge Johnston, who was about to retire from the Bench, he said it had been found that the salaries of the Province of Ontario were inadequate to the duties discharged. He referred to the circumstance of Attorney General Mowat. If this descent had been in consequence of the inadequacy of salary, it became the duty of the Government to give their consideration to the matter.