

the member for Centre Huron had not eyes in the back of his head, or he would see that the noises did proceed from the hon. gentlemen who usually acted with him, some of whom he could name and felt inclined to name.

MR. ANGLIN denied that the Opposition desired or were responsible for the interruptions to the hon. member for Niagara, though members of this party were often disturbed by unseemly noises from supporters of the Government.

MR. PLUMB said that the vote for fish-breeding had been well spent; the work had been efficiently done, and the results were gratifying so far. This last year large shoals of white fish, bred at Newcastle, had found their way to the Niagara River. He would like to know whether the hon. the Minister of Marine would direct an examination to be made of the Niagara River, with a view to deciding whether some small expenditure should not be made for the purpose of continuing the supply of a very important article of food taken from the Lakes—whitefish? He (Mr. Plumb) thought it would be in the best interest of the public to consider favourably his application, for Niagara furnished a large supply of this fish to Toronto, Hamilton, and St. Catharines. He thought he might claim some little favour for his district in this respect, when it would result to the general advantage of the country.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.) said that the wishes of the hon. gentleman would be fully considered; but, out of this vote, it was not possible to give anything for the purpose. It simply provided for the payment of salaries and disbursements in connection with the Fisheries, as at present arranged. The small increase was for opening up additional fisheries. In reply to the hon. member for Centre Huron, he might say the \$800 mentioned were to provide for legal expenses in regard to suits taken against the Department during the late Government. Those cases were still before the Courts. Why did not the hon. member make enquiry during the five or six years his friends were in power? Many of the salaries were fixed by the late Government, and the present Government would be charged with extrava-

gance if they increased them. If an officer was efficient and attended to his duties, he should be well paid, but the way in which the work had been done, and the fact that most of these fishery wardens were themselves the greatest poachers, led him to believe they were very well paid.

MR. GILLMOR disclaimed any intention of making any charge against the Government, but said he would like to know why the officers in Quebec were paid so much more than those in the Maritime Provinces, though their duties must be much lighter.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY said a reduction must be expected if an efficient warden, appointed in 1875 to a position in the hon. gentleman's county, at \$150 a year, was displaced, and a number of other men appointed to do the work which he had performed.

Vote agreed to.

XIX. SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS.

Observatories.

152	{	Observatory, Quebec	\$2,400
		do Toronto	4,500
		do Kingston	500
		do Montreal	500
		do N. Brunswick	1,200
153		Grant for Meteorological Observatories, including Instruments and cost of telegraphing Weather Warnings	37,000

XX. MARINE HOSPITALS FOR SICK AND DISTRESSED SEAMEN.

Marine Hospitals.

154		Marine and Immigrant Hospitals, Quebec	20,000
155	{	St. Catharines Hospital, Ont.	500
		Kingston Hospital, Ont.	500
156		Hospitals in the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia	35,000
157		Expenses of Shipwrecked and disabled Seamen	8,000

XXI. STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

158		To provide for the expenses of this Service	15,000
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In reply to Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT,

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.): We have three Inspectors at present. There are many wooden vessels altogether unseaworthy, and the Government must take measures to prevent these vessels carrying passengers. The Inspectors must have a thorough knowledge of all ships. This service has produced a sur-