

SPRING FLOODS

Mr. McDOUGALL (Trois-Rivières) moved for a report or reports of the Commissioners named to enquire into the causes of the high spring floods of the St. Lawrence between Quebec and Montreal.

The motion was carried.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Hon. Mr. TUPPER moved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of all appointments made since 1st November last to the inside service of the Post Office Department: the names of the officers, the dates of the appointments, and the salaries respectively.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry) said that he had no objection to the return being brought down.

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MAIL TRANSPORT

Mr. POULIOT moved an address for, 1st. Copies of the notices calling for tenders for the transport of mails between Rivière du Loup, in the Province of Quebec, and Edmundston, in the Province of New Brunswick, for the four years beginning on the 1st April or 1st May, 1868.

2nd. Copies of the tenders received for the transport of such mails.

3rd. Copies of correspondence between the Postmaster General or any other officer of the Post Office Department and the parties tendering, or any other parties acting for them, after the tenders were received, and a statement of the time when the contract for the transport of such mails was given, together with other written documents whatsoever having reference to such contracts.

4th. Copies of all correspondence and other written documents having reference to the continuation of the said contract after the fixed period for which it had been given in 1868, together with copies of the last mentioned contract.

He contended that the transfer of the contract which had been made by the contractor to Hon. Mr. Tupper was an illegal transfer.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry) said the information would be brought down, but the contract in question was let by his predecessor, Mr. Campbell. He thought that when the papers came down it would be clear that the transfer for the contract to Hon. Mr. Tupper was perfectly proper and legal.

The motion was carried.

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VIENNA EXHIBITION

Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved for copies of reports made by the Commissioners to the Vienna Exhibition.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Does the hon. gentleman wish to get the correspondence as well as the reports? There was some correspondence with the Department after the return of the Commissioners, not affecting the technical object of the journey, however, but more the money arrangements.

Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: No, I do not care for that. I merely wish to get the information which would be interesting to the people.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) said that he thought it would be desirable to get some information with regard to the expenses of that Commission. There were some queer stories going about the cost of it to the country, and he would move in an amendment to the motion that they have a detailed statement of the expenses of the expedition.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the Government would have no objection to bringing down the additional information, but he thought it would be better to have it in a separate paper.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) said that on condition of getting the information with regard to expense in a separate paper he would withdraw his amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn, and the original motion passed.

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YALE AND KOOTENAY ELECTION

Mr. DEWDNEY moved for correspondence between the Government and the Returning Officer of the Yale and Kootenay District, for reference to the last election in said District. He said that he only wished to show that every effort was made by the Dominion government, and also by the Returning Officer, to have the returns made in the time specified.

Hon. Mr. DORION said that there was no doubt a few telegrams passed between the Department and the Returning Officer with respect to the election at Yale. There was no objection to communicating the information. He was not aware that there had been any other correspondence.

Mr. DEWDNEY said that what he wanted to get especially was a telegram which appeared in one of the local papers, signed "Minister of Justice". He wished to know how that telegram appeared there. The telegram was also sent to the Returning Officer, and he had no communication with the paper in question. It was a mystery to him to know how it got there.

Hon. Mr. DORION: There can be no objection to giving all the correspondence that passed.

The motion was then carried.

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STAMPS ON PROMISSORY NOTES

Hon. Mr. HOLTON moved that the House do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a resolution in reference to a bill to amend the law relating to bills of exchange and promissory notes, to the following effect—That no bill of exchange or