

sider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

REPORTS.

MR. TILLEY presented,—Public Accounts of Canada, for the fiscal yearended 30th June, 1878.

MR. BOWELL presented,—Tables of Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1878.

MR. MASSON presented,—Report on the State of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada, for the year 1878.

MR. TUPPER presented, — Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year, 1st July, 1877, to 30th June, 1878, on the works under his control.

MR. BABY presented,—Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878; also, Report on Adulteration of Food, being Supplement No. III, to the Report of the Department of Inland Revenue, 1878.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

QUESTION.

MR. MACKENZIE asked if the Government would lay on the table to-morrow, copies of the new Royal Instructions to, and the Commission of, His Excellency the Governor-General

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Perhaps not to-morrow, but immediately.

PACIFIC RAILWAY TENDERS.

QUESTION.

MR. MACKENZIE: Will the tenders received for the Pacific Railway called for last summer be laid on the table—I mean the tenders upon which the Government propose to act?

MR. TUPPER: In a short time they will be laid on the table of the House.

MR. MACKENZIE: The sanction of the House must be obtained to the awarding of the contracts. Formerly, as to those contracts, a special return was moved in the House. I brought the lowest tenders down, if the hon. gentleman will recollect, and showed them to himself and leader.

MR. TUPPER: I do not think the practice of the hon. gentleman ever was to present tenders before the Government had decided to whom they were to be awarded. As I understand the law, it requires that contracts shall be subject to the approval of the House, the contracts and tenders having been left on the table. That was the practice, I think, of the hon. gentleman, and the course sanctioned by the law.

MR. MACKENZIE: The hon. gentleman is strictly correct as to the requirements of the law. In two cases I had to anticipate, by getting the authorization of the House previously, as action was to be taken when it was not in session. But still, if the House be in session, tenders should be laid on the table in the first place. I do not wish to interfere with the awarding of the contracts.

House adjourned at

Thirty minutes after

Five o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Tuesday, 18th February, 1879.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MONTREAL CUSTOM HOUSE.

MOTION FOR STATEMENT.

MR. COURSQL moved for a statement giving a complete list of all the permanent, supernumerary and temporary employes appointed to the Custom House of Montreal since the 1st July, 1877, showing, 1st. The name and age of each employe; 2nd. The date of his appointment; 3rd. The salary of each employe; 4th. The nature of his duties; 5th. The changes which have occurred, whether by death, superannuation or