

**STRATHROY POSTMASTER**

**Mr. Mackenzie** moved an address for copies of correspondence regarding the appointment of Mr. Soon as Postmaster of Strathroy, and his dismissal from that office. Carried.

**ANNUAL DRILL FOR 1867**

**Mr. Pope** moved an address for copies of correspondence between the Volunteer officers and Adjutant-General or Assistant Adjutant-General, respecting the Annual Drill for 1867.

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said the Government had no objection to this motion, and all correspondence on the subject would be given to the House. He might state that before long the volunteer force would resume their drill as formerly. In reference to a question formerly asked by the honourable member on the same subject, the Government were not in a position to answer until the vote of credit had been passed by the House in the first part of the session.

**Mr. Pope** accepted the explanation as satisfactory. On a former occasion, when he had inquired as to whether the volunteers would be called on to drill this year, he had been curtly answered by the Government that they had the matter under consideration. As he had made the enquiry in the interest of the volunteers, he thought the same information just given might have been given at the outset. As the object of the motion had been answered, he would now withdraw it.

**Hon. Mr. Cartier**, in reply, stated that his remark, as noted by the member for Compton, had been wrongly interpreted. No other answer could have been given at that period, and no discourtesy whatever was intended.

**Mr. Ross (Prince Edward)** expressed his satisfaction with the Government statement regarding the volunteers.

The motion was then withdrawn.

**LATE ELECTIONS**

**Mr. Blake** moved an address for copies of all warrants, orders, etc. connected with the issue of the writs for the late elections for Huntingdon, Montmorency and Restigouche. Carried.

**Mr. Blake** also moved that an order of this House do issue for copies of all the orders, etc. for the late elections in the above named constituencies. Carried.

**THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY**

**Hon. Mr. Holton** inquired whether any answer had been received from the Imperial authorities to the Address of both Houses of the Canadian Parliament on the subject of the annexation of the North-West Territory to the Dominion. The Address framed in the terms of the Union Act had left the country about three months ago, and he took it that in that period some communication relative to it must have been received by the Government of the Dominion. He could not imagine the Imperial Government would treat both Houses of the Canadian Parliament with so much contempt as to withhold for so long a period an answer to a communication of such importance.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said it was not very convenient for the Government to reply without notice to questions such as this. If a notice had been put in the paper calling for the information, Government would feel bound to have furnished every information they could on the subject.

**Hon. Mr. Holton** said it struck him that in reference to so grave a matter as an Address from both Houses of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown ought to voluntarily supply information at the earliest possible moment. It seemed to him that it would have been improper to move for a return in relation to an address of both Houses of Parliament to the throne. He took it for granted that Ministers had used due diligence in forwarding the address. Had any correspondence on the subject been received?

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said the Address had been forwarded and would not, he was quite sure, be treated with contempt. Such an address would be sure to receive at the hands of Her Majesty's advisers all the courtesy and attention uniformly extended to every Province connected with the Empire. Therefore, there was no fear on that hand. As to the Government of the Dominion, he did not admit that it was their duty to have arisen of their own accord and made the statement asked for. Now that the inquiry had been made, he could inform his honourable friend that there had been no answer to the address as yet. This had, the Government believed, been caused by the impossibility almost of holding a meeting of the English Cabinet, in consequence of the illness of Earl Derby; but there was no doubt that the wish