

ment will lay before the House the result of such communication.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The Government did communicate with the Ontario Government in reference to a grant of land for that purpose, but so far there has been no result from that communication. As soon as there is it will be laid before the House.

#### LEPINE COMMUTATION.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE asked whether the Government intended to bring down any further papers touching the commutation of LEPINE's sentence in answer to the Address of this House on the subject.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The Government intend to bring down everything that they have in this connection; and they propose to bring the account of the trial including the Judge's charge with the other papers so as to make one package. I hope they will be down in a day or two.

#### TRANSPORTATION OVER DAWSON ROUTE.

Mr. FARROW asked whether the Government had publicly advertised for tenders for carriage of travellers and baggage over the Dawson route. If so, when advertisements appeared, and upon what terms the Government proposed to award the contract.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The advertisements appeared, as nearly as I can recollect, in March, 1874, and the tenders were laid before the House. The lowest tender I think was accepted, and the contract was to continue in force from year to year.

#### NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS.

Mr. YOUNG moved for copies of any despatch or despatches received from the Imperial Government on the subject of the Naturalization of Aliens since the despatch of the Earl of KIMBERLEY of date the 3rd September, 1873. He said the despatch of the Earl of KIMBERLEY dated 3rd September, 1873, spoke of further communications being likely to be made by the Imperial Government to the different Governments of the colonies on this highly important subject. He desired before taking other action to ascertain whether any such despatches had been received, and, if so, he trusted they would be brought down.

*Hon. Mr. Blake.*

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he was not quite certain whether any subsequent correspondence on the subject which the hon. member referred had been received. He thought not, but he would make inquiries and inform the hon. gentleman to-morrow.

Motion carried.

#### FREE DELIVERY IN MONTREAL.

Mr. OLIVER moved that an order of this House do issue for a statement of the yearly expenses connected with the free delivery of letters and papers in the City of Montreal. Motion carried.

#### EXAMINERS OF FISH INSPECTORS.

Mr. FORBES moved for a return of the number of Counties in Nova Scotia in which Examiners of Fish Inspectors have been appointed; the number of Inspectors appointed in each County; also, the quantities of fish or fish-oil inspected, with description of package, and by whom inspected, and amount of fees collected. He asked that the return might be brought down on as early a day as possible. Carried.

#### BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

Mr. THOMPSON (Cariboo) moved the adoption of an address to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR GENERAL, praying that he will take the necessary steps to have the boundary line between British Columbia and the North-West Territory (especially towards the North-Eastern boundary of the former) defined without delay, in view of the anticipated extensive immigration to the recently discovered gold mines on the Arctic Watershed. He said he would state briefly the reasons which led him to submit the motion to the House. The miners who had settled in the Stikeen river country had ascended the river 160 miles, and crossed the high-land separating the waters which ran into the Pacific Ocean by the Stikeen from those which ultimately flow into the Arctic Ocean by the Mackenzie river. During three months, because the miners reached there late in the season, between one million and one million and a quarter of dollars worth of gold was taken out of the streams tributary to the Mackenzie. A number of miners had gone two hundred and fifty miles further up than