

valorem percentage of allowance on each such class.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of all correspondence relating to the construction of a railway on Vancouver Island.—(Mr. Blake.)

Copies of three circulars asking for information recently directed under instructions of the Minister of Finance to several of the banks, with the names of the banks to which they were directed.—(Mr. Blake.)

Return showing the number of acres taken up in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territory under the Homestead Act, by homestead settlers, in the year 1881, and the total number of such homestead settlers and the number of townships in which they are located; also the number of acres taken up in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territories, in each year prior to 1881, together with the total number of such settlers in each year, and the number of townships in which they are located.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return showing the number of acres entered as pre-emptions in Manitoba, Keewatin, and the North-West Territory during the year 1881, and the total number of such pre-emptions, the number of townships in which such pre-emptions are located, and the amount of money paid, or yet to be paid, upon such pre-emptions; also the number of acres entered as pre-emptions in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territory in each year prior to 1881, the total number of such pre-emptions, the number of townships in which such pre-emptions are located, and the amount of money paid, or to be paid, on such pre-emptions.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Copies of all petitions, papers and correspondence having reference to the desirability of granting mail accommodation on the Grand Trunk Railway morning express train going West on Mondays for points between Belleville and Toronto.—(Mr. Stephenson.)

Copies of all correspondence on the subject of the remission of the duties on tea and coffee.—(Sir Richard J. Cartwright.)

Statement showing the total amount of moneys received on account of Dominion Lands during the calendar year 1881.—(Sir Richard J. Cartwright.)

Statement of the total amount on deposit with banks in Canada upon the last days of each month in the fiscal year 1880-81.—(Sir Richard J. Cartwright.)

Return showing the total number of acres of public lands surveyed in Manitoba, Keewatin, and the North-West Territory during the year 1881, and the cost per acre of such survey; also, showing the number of acres surveyed by contract, the number of acres surveyed by salaried employes of the Government, and the total cost, and cost per acre under each method.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return showing the number of acres of public lands surveyed in Manitoba, Keewatin, and the North-West Territories in each year prior to the year 1881, and the total cost, and cost per acre in each year of such survey.—(Mr. Charlton.)

All regulations issued from time to time by the Department of the Interior respecting the sale and management of public lands in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territory, and all regulations respecting the management and sale of mineral, coal and timber lands in Manitoba, Keewatin, and the North-West Territory, issued by the Department of the Interior up to date of return.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return showing the number of acres of public lands sold in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territory during the year 1881, the amount realized in cash from such sales, the amount yet to be paid upon account of such sales, the number of purchasers of such lands and a list of the purchasers of 640 acres and upwards, giving names of purchasers and amount purchased by each; also showing the number of acres of public lands sold in Manitoba, Keewatin and the North-West Territory in each year prior to 1881, the

amount realized in cash from such sales at the time such sales were made, the amount since realized in cash from such sales, and the amount still remaining unpaid upon such sales; the number of purchasers of such lands in each year, and a list of the purchasers of 640 acres and upwards in each year, giving names of purchasers and amount purchased by each.—(Mr. Charlton.)

House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, 16th February, 1882.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORT.

Mr. O'CONNOR presented the Annual Report of the Postmaster General.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN, in the absence of Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, moved that a Select Standing Committee, composed of Messrs. Anglin, Blake, Brecken, Cameron (Huron), Sir Richard J. Cartwright, Colby, Daly, Fortin, Houde, Laurier, Macdonnell (Inverness), McCarthy, Mills, Mousseau, Tassé, and Wright, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library. He said: The only changes in the Committee of last year are the following: Mr. LaRue was replaced by Mr. McCarthy, and Mr. Masson, who will be unable to attend this Session, will be replaced by Mr. Mousseau.

Mr. BLAKE. I am sorry my hon. friend has made the exchange he proposes to the House, in substituting Mr. McCarthy for Mr. LaRue. That alters the composition of the Committee in two respects. I should have supposed the hon. gentleman would have left the Committee representing the Provinces respectively in the same proportion as last Session.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The composition of the Committee I think should meet the views of the hon. gentleman.

Mr. BLAKE. The changes affect the political and also the Provincial complexion of the Committee.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Mr. LaRue is replaced by Mr. Amyot, which I do not think changes the complexion of the Committee much, and the same remark will apply to the successor of Mr. Mousseau, who is unfortunately in ill-health. I think the hon. gentleman will see that the present Committee is fairly composed.

Mr. BLAKE. Perhaps the changes are all right; but if the Committee is fairly composed now, it must have been unfairly constructed last Session, and unfair as against the hon. gentleman, who never was accused of being unfair to himself.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I think the Committee was unfair as regards us last Session, and I have no doubt that the hon. gentleman opposite will be happy to correct that unfairness on the present occasion.

Mr. LANDRY. I have not the same complaint to make to the hon. Minister with regard to the composition of the Committee, at least with regard to its political complexion,