

Mr. CASEY. As to the last part of the question?

Mr. CARLING. I stated that it is not the intention to cancel Mr. Britton's appointment and appoint Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. BLAKE. The last part of the question is not answered.

Mr. CARLING. It is not the intention to take any action.

WHARF AT LOTBINIÈRE.

Mr. RINFRET enquired, Whether a petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor General, signed by a large number of citizens of the parish of Lotbinière and the adjoining parishes, respecting the construction of a wharf in the said parish of Lotbinière, has received the attention of the Government? If so, what do the Government propose to do in relation to the prayer of the said Petition?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. (Translation). I must inform the hon. member that the petitions to which he refers have only reached me this morning, consequently it has been impossible as yet to take the matter into consideration, but I shall see to it.

Mr. RINFRET. Will the answer be given by Wednesday next?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. (Translation). I cannot promise that to the hon. member. When the Supplementary Estimates are brought down, he will see if there is an amount appropriated for that purpose. That is all I can tell him for the present, as the matter has not yet come before me.

POLICE FOR THE SOUTH-WESTERN FRONTIER OF ONTARIO.

Mr. HAGGART, in the absence of Mr. PATTERSON (Essex) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a police force on our south-western frontier, upon the Detroit River, either in conjunction with the Provincial Government or with the municipalities directly interested, or with both, for the protection of the lives and property of Her Majesty's subjects on that frontier?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is the duty of the Provincial Government to afford protection to the lives and property of Her Majesty's subjects on the frontier, and the Government here have had no communication from the Provincial Government, asking for any assistance in regard to that matter.

TAXATION OF OFFICIAL INCOMES.

Mr. WELDON enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps to obtain such alteration or amendment in the law so as to permit Dominion official incomes to become subject to municipal taxation?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is not the intention this Session.

LANDS AND TIMBER LIMITS ON HUNTER'S ISLAND.

Mr. BAIN, in the absence of Mr. COCKBURN, enquired, Whether there have been any applications, or negotiations, or arrangements or understandings, or promises, in reference to the sale or licensing of lands or timber limits, or otherwise, on Hunter's Island, and how far the matter has proceeded, and what are the names of the applicants?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This question in fact calls for a rather voluminous return. If the hon. gentleman will move for a return, the papers will be brought down.

Mr. CARLING.

MORPETH HARBOUR.

Mr. CASEY, in the absence of Mr. McCraney, enquired, Has the Government, during the last six months, entered into a contract for the construction of works at Morpeth harbour? If so, who is the contractor? Where does he live? What is the contract price? The details and nature of said works? Who is superintending their construction? Where does the superintendent reside?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. A contract has been awarded, but, I am sorry to say I have mislaid the notes I had about this, but this evening, or on Thursday, the item of Morpeth harbour will come up in the Estimates, and I will be glad to give the information to the hon. gentleman.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PIERS.

Mr. DAVIES enquired, Whether the Government have determined to take over any and which of the piers of Prince Edward Island? Whether they have agreed to pay the Province of Prince Edward Island any sum of money for these piers or the repairs laid out upon them by the Province; and if so, what amount have they agreed to pay?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. This matter has been considered by the Government, and, most likely, the Supplementary Estimates, when they come down, will give all the information the hon. gentleman desires to have now.

PROMISE OF APPOINTMENT TO JOHN A. WILKINSON.

Mr. BLAKE enquired, Was any promise or assurance given by any member of the Government to John A. Wilkinson that he would be recommended for, or might have the registrarship at Calgary? If so, by whom and when? Was any promise or assurance given by any member of the Government to John A. Wilkinson that he would be recommended for, or might have the registrarship at Edmonton? If so, by whom and when? Will the Government lay on the Table forthwith any correspondence or papers on the subject of either office? Is any such promise or assurance still in force? If not, at what date and by whom was it cancelled or withdrawn?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. No promise or assurance was given by any member of the Government to John A. Wilkinson that he would be recommended for or might have the registrarship of Calgary. More than a year ago, a promise was given to Mr. John A. Wilkinson that, when the registrarship at Edmonton would be established, he would be recommended for the appointment. It was, in the first place, by myself that the promise was made, and it was repeated by my successor. There is no correspondence or papers on the subject of either office, except a letter of Mr. Macpherson which has appeared in the papers, of which he has no copy. "Is any such promise or assurance still in force?" That, I think, it would be improper to answer under the present circumstances. No such promise has been cancelled or withdrawn.

PAYMENT TO THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR FLOATING DEBT.

Mr. BLAKE enquired, Whether any sum has been paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company under the Act of this Session in respect of their floating debt? If so, when and how much? Were detailed statements, vouchers and evidence furnished and reports made to the Government on the subject? Will these be laid on the Table forthwith?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. \$7,500,000 was paid on the 12th March, 1884. Vouchers and evidence were submitted