

rent due the Government; and I do not see there was any proper valuation of this property before purchase. The vote should be for \$11,000, and the \$3,000 be placed to the credit of the Ordnance Department for rent received.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I will bring down a supplementary vote for \$3,000.

On Resolution 366,

Canals..... \$251,500.00

Mr. BLAKE. I would ask the hon. gentleman to bring down, on Monday, the information which I suppose he possesses on the proposed enlargement of the Williamsburgh Canal. These proposals came down somewhat late in the Supplementary Estimates, and I have had no opportunity of communicating with any localities, or receiving that information I would like in order intelligently to discuss them. But I have received information which I will give the hon. gentleman an opportunity of answering, relating to this matter. It is stated that Mr. Page had always objected to the extension of the pier for the purpose of forcing more water into the canal, because it is not necessary in order to raise the water in the canal, as the canal will fall to the full capacity of the locks at present, and that it will increase the head-fall for certain manufacturing companies. Of course, I know nothing about the matter, but having received that suggestion I thought it due to himself to inform the hon. gentleman of it, and to ask him to bring down the report.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I may say that the report and the estimate were submitted at the instance, and on the advice, of the Chief Engineer of Canals. I will bring down the report.

On Resolution 336,

Collection of Revenue—Excise..... \$1,815 02

Mr. BLAKE. With reference to two of these votes, payments of the claims of P. Durnford and R. Bellemare, \$636.67 each, the hon. Minister was good enough to hand me papers which we have perused. I am unfortunately unable to agree with the papers which are there, although there may be statements which are deserving of consideration. But the Head of the Department, who was in charge of it during all these years, does not seem to have been consulted, although he must have rejected, or advised the rejection of, claims upon former occasions. I can only repeat my opinion, that claims so old as these, fifteen years old, ought not to be voted except upon the clearest evidence. My own view of the evidence is that it is not such as to warrant the payment of this money.

SUBSIDIES TO RAILWAYS.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER, in moving the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole on the resolution respecting subsidies to certain railway companies therein mentioned, said: In presenting papers in connection with railway matters, I will take this opportunity of laying on the Table a copy of a letter to which the hon. gentleman made allusion. It will be seen that what purported to be this letter was a garbled version, and that it was not correctly stated in the newspaper from which the hon. gentleman read. The letter was as follows:—

“OTTAWA, February 24th, 1883.

“MY DEAR SIR,—Mr. Starke, C. E., has returned, but has not yet had time to complete his report respecting the Napanee Railway. I am satisfied, however, that a very strong case will be made by him for assistance to that railway, and as soon as the Estimates for this Session are taken up, I will submit an appropriation for the favorable consideration of the Government.

“Yours faithfully,
“CHARLES TUPPER.

“ALEXANDER HENRY, Esq., Napanee.”

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved to strike out the words “Miramichi Valley” and insert the words “Northern and Western,” as the name of the company had been changed from the former to the latter by a recent Act of the New Brunswick Legislature.

Amendment agreed to; and Resolution reported.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER introduced Bill (No. 137) to authorize the granting of subsidies for the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned.

Bill read the first time.

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAY AMENDMENT ACT.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved the third reading of Bill (No. 127) to further amend the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, and to declare certain lines of railway to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. BLAKE moved in amendment:

That the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, in order to amend the clause transferring Provincial railways to the legislative jurisdiction of the Parliament, by striking out the general provisions affecting independent lines intersecting or touching other railways; and the provision affecting lines hereafter chartered by a Provincial Legislature.

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

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| Armstrong, | Fisher, | Mulock, |
| Auger, | Forbes, | Paterson (Brant), |
| Bain, | Gillmor, | Pickard, |
| Béchar, d, | Gunn, | Platt, |
| Bernier, | Harley, | Rinfret, |
| Blake, | Innes, | Robertson (Shelburne), |
| Bourassa, | Irvine, | Ross (Middlesex), |
| Burpee (Sunbury), | Keefer, | Somerville (Brant), |
| Campbell (Renfrew), | Kirk, | Somerville (Bruce), |
| Casey, | Landerkin, | Springer, |
| Caugrain, | Lister, | Sutherland (Oxford), |
| Catudal, | McMillan (Huron), | Thompson, |
| Davies, | McCraney, | Trow, and |
| Fairbank, | McIntyre, | Vail.—42. |

NAYS:

Messieurs

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| Allison, | Dugas, | McMillan (Vaudreuil), |
| Amyot, | Dundas, | McCarthy, |
| Baker (Missisquoi), | Dupont, | McDougald, |
| Beaty, | Farrow, | McNeill, |
| Benoit, | Ferguson (Welland), | Mitchell, |
| Benson, | Fortin, | Montplaisir, |
| Billy, | Foster, | Orton, |
| Blanchet, | Fréchette, | Paint, |
| Blondeau, | Gigault, | Patterson (Essex), |
| Bowell, | Girouard (Kent), | Pinsonneault, |
| Brecken, | Grandbois, | Pope, |
| Cameron (Inverness), | Guilbault, | Reid, |
| Campbell (Victoria), | Guillet, | Richy, |
| Carling, | Hackett, | Robertson (Hamilton), |
| Cimon, | Hall, | Robertson (Hastings), |
| Cochrane, | Hawkins, | Shakespeare, |
| Colby, | Hay, | Small, |
| Costigan, | Jamieson, | Tassé, |
| Coughlin, | Kinney, | Taylor, |
| Coursol, | Kranz, | Tilley, |
| Curran, | Landry, | Wallace (York), |
| Cuthbert, | Langevin, | White (Hastings), |
| Daly, | Lesage, | Williams, |
| Desaulniers, | Macdonald (King's), | Wood (Brockville), |
| Dickinson, | Macdonald (Sir John), | Woodworth, and |
| Dodd, | McDonald (Cape Breton Wright).—78. | |

Mr. SPEAKER. Shall the Bill be read the third time?

Mr. McCARTHY. It was arranged last night that the amendment moved by my hon. friend from Pembroke should be put in the Bill.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I think it was understood that it was to be inserted.

Mr. BLAKE. It was to be framed properly.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I have done so.