

the matter was made a subject of inquiry by the Imperial Parliament. I think the result was that Sir Sidney Waterlow had to resign his seat and go back for re-election. I say this is in no sense an election petition affecting the seat of the sitting member. It is a charge of conspiracy, of collusion, which defeated the ends of justice, and that the sitting member—whether guilty of corrupt practices or not—was a party to that collusion. Now, I submit that that is a fit and proper subject for investigation, and that it is the duty of the House to receive the petition. What will be done with it afterwards is another question.

Mr. LAURIER. I wish to say a word in answer to the hon. member for Laval (Mr. Ouimet), who has used language at which I must protest against at once. The hon. gentleman said I had insinuated that the lawyer who had conducted this case was bought. Now, I never said anything that could reflect either on the lawyer who conducted the case or on the Judge who presided at the trial. Of the lawyer, I never said a word; of the Judge, I never said a word but this: that this trial had been a farce, to which he had been made an unconscious party, and I think the hon. member was quite blamable, and did not act properly towards a colleague in this House when he attributed to me language that I did not use. I have nothing to say against the Judge; on the contrary, I know him to be a very honorable man, who would not lend himself to anything dishonorable. The hon. member for Laval heard me all through, and he had no reason to use the language towards me which he did, and which amounted to a slander.

Mr. SPEAKER. As this is a very important matter, perhaps the House will allow me to take time to consider it.

Hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

#### EMIGRATION FROM IRELAND.

Mr. TROW enquired, Whether the Government have had any correspondence with the Imperial Government respecting the promotion of assisted emigration from the overpopulated or distressed districts in Ireland? Whether information has been requested by the Imperial Government respecting the various Provinces of the Dominion as fields for emigration; and if so, has such information been furnished? If such correspondence has taken place between the Government and the Imperial Government; will it be laid upon the Table during the present Session of Parliament?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Government have had correspondence with reference to the promotion of assisted emigration from Ireland, and those papers will be brought down. No information has been requested by the Imperial Government as to the various Provinces as fields for emigration.

#### JUDICIAL SALARIES.

Mr. BLAKE enquired, Whether it is intended to propose any measure relating to judicial salaries of Judges of the Superior Courts other than those of Prince Edward Island?

Mr. McDONALD (Pictou) replied in the negative.

#### TRANSATLANTIC STEAM NAVIGATION.

Mr. WELDON, in the absence of Mr. KILLAM, enquired, Whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government and any person, on the subject of steam communication between St. John, N.B., and Liverpool?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There has.

Mr. WELDON, in the absence of Mr. KILLAM, enquired, Whether, in the event of a subsidy being voted for a line of Mr. CAMERON (Huron).

steamers between St. John, N.B., and Liverpool, the Government will ask for public tenders for the service?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That is a question that cannot well be put. It puts a hypothetical case. The question should be first whether a subsidy will be voted.

Sir ALBERT J. SMITH. Perhaps you will answer that question.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. You never answer a hypothetical question.

#### SALARIES OF ONTARIO COUNTY COURT JUDGES.

Mr. BLAKE enquired, Whether it is intended to propose any measure as to the salaries of the County Court Judges of other Provinces than Ontario?

Mr. McDONALD (Pictou). It is not intended to propose any measure as to the salaries of the County Court Judges, other than is contained in the resolution now on the Table of the House, and of which notice has been given.

#### MONUMENT TO THE LATE SIR GEORGE E. CARTIER.

Mr. TASSE enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to give effect this year to the resolution adopted by Parliament in 1873, in relation to the erection of a monument to the memory of Sir George E. Cartier, in acknowledgment of his services to the country?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is the intention of the Government.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS.

Mr. HOOPER. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like, with your permission, Mr. Speaker, to call the attention of this honorable House to a paragraph in the Toronto daily *Globe* of yesterday's date. The paragraph is headed, "abusing the franking privileges," and is as follows:—

"A few days ago it was accurately stated in the *Globe* that a member of Parliament whose initials were 'E. H.' had been franking at the public expense circulars for a protectionist newspaper published in this city. It happens there are three members whose initials are 'E. H.' It is therefore as well to explain that the member franking the circulars was not Edward Holton, the Liberal member for Chateauguay."

Now, Mr. Speaker, the question is simply who are the three members whose initials are composed of E. H.? This paragraph states plainly that it is not the hon. member for Chateauguay (Mr. Holton), and on reference to the *Parliamentary Companion*, I find that the only other members are the hon. member for the County of Prince, Prince Edward Island (Mr. Hackett) and myself. Now, so far as I am concerned, the allegation contained in this paragraph is false, and I emphatically deny ever having at any time, or under any circumstances, abused my privilege of franking; and more especially as regards a circular in any paper in Ottawa for protection purposes. I presume the hon. member for Prince is quite capable of answering for himself.

Mr. HACKETT. The hon. member has called the attention of the House to this paragraph, and as he has, I presume, satisfactorily to the House, cleared himself of this charge. As it might be considered that I am the guilty party, I now rise for the purpose of explaining that as I have no connection with the paper, nor been requested by anybody to frank for them, so far as I am concerned the allegation is a falsehood. The matter really is not worthy of notice, and it is only because it has been brought up by the hon. member who has just spoken that I make this statement.

Mr. McINNES. I also rise to a question of privilege. I find in the *Ottawa Free Press* of yesterday there is an