

them as experienced mariners do. This, I have no doubt, occurred before the present order of things was established in the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and I feel certain that when the attention of the hon. Minister of Marine is drawn to the matter, he will be ready to bring about a change in the system, so that all these matters may be properly attended to. In the past, the Department of Marine and Fisheries cannot altogether escape the responsibility for those terrible losses which have taken place in the great lakes—losses by which no less than 350 of the inhabitants of Algoma have either been roasted to death in burning vessels, or found watery graves, and by which, as I explained the other day, a whole fleet of vessels has been lost. I know the attention of the Department has been directed to ocean navigation—to the Maritime Provinces, where larger interests are at stake; but it must be borne in mind that the shipping interest is increasing very largely on these lakes. New steamers are constantly being put on, and at Thunder Bay, last summer, no less than two hundred thousand tons of shipping called, either going or coming. This interest is becoming too important to be neglected, and I call the attention of the hon. Minister to it, and to one fact in particular: that no matter what the requirements of the law may be, no matter if it is required that contracts should be given out for this service, the spirit of the law certainly requires that the work should be done, while, as a matter of fact, the work has not been done. The buoys have not been put in the proper places, and in view of the loss which has occurred on these lakes, and of the great dissatisfaction existing—and I am sure that the correspondence will show that it does exist—there has been no economy in the present system. The public have been involved in a far greater loss by the misplacement of these buoys and beacons than all the expense required to put them in their proper places would have amounted to.

Motion agreed to.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA IN 1882.

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury) moved for a statement showing the number of immigrants that have arrived in the Dominion during the calendar year ending December 31st, 1882, to settle in Canada, and their nationality; also, showing the number that have settled in each Province respectively, and also in the Territories of the Dominion as far as can be ascertained.

Mr. POPE. I beg to say to the hon. gentleman that all the information for which he asks will be found in the report of my Department.

Motion withdrawn.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

Motions for the following Returns were severally agreed to:—

Return giving a full statement of all coal entered ex-warehouse free or for exportation, during the years ending June 30th, 1881 and 1882, showing the quantity so entered at each port, the names of persons having entered, the quantities ex-warehoused by each person, and if exported the name of the vessel or railroad by which exported, the place to which exported, and copies of the cancelling certificates showing that such coal had been landed in the ports to which exported.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Copies of all correspondence between any hon. member of the Government and any licensed victuallers, or any one on behalf of any organization of licensed victuallers; and of all petitions, memorials or resolutions presented by any such person on the subject of legislation affecting the sale of liquors.—(Mr. Blake.)

Mr. Dawson.

Return of all memorials, petitions and correspondence of any kind, asking for a drawback on sugar refined in Canada when exported to any foreign country, the parties applying, their statement of drawback proposed, and any answers of the Government thereto, also copy of any regulations made for such drawback.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Copies of all memorials, petitions and correspondence relating to the abolition of duty on grain, flour and coal during the calendar year 1882, and subsequently.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Copies of all correspondence with the Government or any hon. member thereof, during the calendar year 1882, referring to the construction of a railway bridge over the River St. John at St. John.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

PACIFIC RAILWAY RETURN.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. BLAKE. I have just looked cursorily at the return brought down relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and I observe that that portion of it required by the Consolidated Railway Act contains a great many more blanks than items. Our Resolution required that we should have, within fifteen days of the opening of the Session, a return giving this information up to the end of the fiscal year previous, and also, to as late a day as practicable thereafter, because it was felt to be very important that in the case of the Pacific Railway we should have this information. There is no information given after the 30th of June, and even up to that date the hon. gentleman will find that the return is almost entirely blank paper. It seems to me that some effort should be made to procure this information which the Company is required, under Statute, to give us.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. As I understand, the return the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is required by law to make, is up to a certain date, the 30th of June. The Company has been called upon to make that return, and, as far as my recollection goes, the return brought down embraces everything except contracts.

Mr. BLAKE. No; that is what I complain of. The form is the form required by the hon. Minister—it consists of sheets with printed headings, but the information required by the Statute is wanting.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. There has always been the greatest possible difficulty in obtaining from the railway companies these statistical returns as required by law. My hon. predecessor had occasion to refer once or twice to the great difficulty there was in procuring this information. However, I will turn my attention to the matter and endeavor to obtain all the information I possibly can.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Has the hon. gentleman got the usual statistical account of railways prepared for this Session?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Yes.

Motion agreed to; and (at 4:25 o'clock p.m.) the House adjourned.