

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I have already stated that before the House is asked to vote any additional sum, full information will be given as to the scale of the proposed institution. Of course, it can be commenced on a modest scale or on a large scale, as Parliament chooses. However, we thought that at all events the hon. gentleman would not object to a school of this kind being established in the vicinity of St. John. If we have a training ship at St. John or elsewhere it must be an old vessel, just as the training ships in England are old vessels that are being utilized. The hon. gentleman does not seem to want it, and perhaps he had better move to have the \$5,000 struck off.

Mr. KILLAM. It strikes me that if a vessel was wanted for a training ship, it would have been better to buy a good ship for half the money on this side of the ocean. I am sure that those who will want officers for mercantile vessels will not want the sort of officers brought up on board this vessel.

245. Gratuities to two members of Montreal Water Police.....\$ 5c7 30

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. I do not remember ever having seen any items of this kind in the Estimates before. I think this is the first occasion on which any considerable gratuity has been paid.

Mr. POPE (Queen's). It is well known that policemen should be in the prime of life, but there are two old men, seventy-five or eighty years of age, who have been for many years on the water police in Montreal. As they had served faithfully for many years, it was thought just to give them a retiring allowance.

Mr. GAULT. I have known Sergeant Wilson for over twenty-five years, and a more steady, reliable man is not in the force in Montreal. I think he is well entitled to this gratuity.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. It is clear that men of that age are not qualified to discharge the duties of policemen, and I would like to know if no rule has been laid down as to the age in which men shall cease to occupy positions in the water police. That is the case in other branches of the service and should be so here. It is well to bear in mind that these gratuities are now proposed for the first time, establishing a precedent which will be used in regard to all the police employees who attain a certain age and are discharged.

Mr. POPE. This is the first time that gratuities have ever been asked for policemen. This is done simply because these men have served faithfully for many years, and were no longer able to perform the duties of that position.

246. Geological Survey.—Additional amount required to complete this service.....\$10,000 00

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. What special work is expected to be done for this sum?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The \$10,000 is made up as follows:—Printing the Geological Report, \$3,300; advances in order to get the parties off to the season's work early, \$4,500; preparation of maps for the report, \$1,200; and expenses for the removal of the staff from Montreal to Ottawa, \$1,000.

Mr. BLAKE. What is the cause of the additional cost of \$300 for printing the report?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This is on account of the report which will appear next year. The work of preparation has been commenced earlier than usual.

Mr. MILLS. The report has heretofore been printed privately in Montreal, for the reason given by Mr. Selwyn that there was great danger of inaccuracy if it were printed where he could not supervise the work. But now that the Geological Branch is to be removed to Ottawa, the reason for printing it privately will no longer exist, and I do not

see why it should not be printed like other public documents by the public printers of the House.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The present report, I take it, is now in hand. When Mr. Selwyn and his staff are here, I presume—although I speak without having consulted Mr. Selwyn—that the report will be printed here.

Mr. MILLS. When is the staff to be removed from Montreal to Ottawa?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. On the opening of navigation.

252. To refund to the representatives of the late A. M. Delisle, shipping master's fees paid into the Treasury by him in error whilst acting as Collector of Customs at Montreal..... \$2,457 29

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. There were certain duties performed by the late Collector of Customs in Montreal for which he received certain fees separate and distinct from his duties as Collector of Customs, that he paid into the Treasury. His successor, Mr. Simpson, collected the fees and appropriated them, with the assent of the late Government, to his own use in addition to his salary. The heirs and executors of Delisle claimed they should be placed in the same position as Simpson, by receiving the fees for the registration of vessels, which Mr. Delisle should have appropriated, but did not. The Government, after consideration, placed those executors in the position claimed.

Mr. BLAKE. This seems a very extraordinary proceeding. The late collector, it is said, did not receive those fees, but paid them into the Treasury. I suppose he understood they did not belong to him, yet the Government decide to surrender them to his executors.

Mr. JONES. They did belong to him.

Mr. BLAKE. I do not know whether they did or not. As a general rule, officers take all that belongs to them, and occasionally what does not.

Mr. JONES. He was honest; the present collector is honest too.

Mr. BLAKE. I know nothing about the present collector. But the late collector did not think the fees belonged to him, and the Government do not think they belong to them. That was the state of things during all his incumbency. But the next collector claims the fees, and I suppose the Government was not entitled to them, or they would not have let him keep them. I do not understand why the system satisfactory to the late collector and the Government should be now changed, and the fees taken out of the Treasury and given to the collector.

Mr. POPE (Queen's). I will correct the hon. gentleman (Mr. Blake) who, I think, misunderstood the finance Minister. In the most important ports the shipping masters are appointed and paid by fees, 50 cents for every man put on the articles, and 50 cents for every man discharged. The Collector at Montreal for years received these fees and paid them in, and the Collector at Quebec retained them, as he had a perfect right to do. The fees were paid in by mistake by the Montreal collector till they amounted to over \$2,000. Mr. Lash, Deputy Minister of Justice, gave it as his opinion that the Delisle executors were fairly entitled to the fees claimed. The collector is, by virtue of his appointment, shipping master, and has a right to collect the fees.

Mr. BLAKE. Is Mr. Simpson now receiving them?

Mr. POPE. Yes.

Mr. BLAKE. Why, if Mr. Simpson has nothing refunded to him, should the fees be refunded to the representatives of the dead man?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Mr. Simpson received the fees up to a few months after the present Government was