

June 11, 1872

SUPPLY

In receiving the report of the Committee of Supply on the item for salaries of Harbour Masters of Quebec, Gaspé and Amherst,

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he saw no reason why these officers should not be placed in the same position as at other ports, where they were paid by fees. He would therefore move, seconded by **Hon. Mr. HOLTON**,—"That this House is of opinion that the payment of salaries of the Harbour Masters of Quebec, Amherst, and Gaspé should be made from local sources, not from the funds of the Dominion."

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said the hon. member for Lambton had stated that these Trinity Boards had no duties to perform. The hon. gentleman was mistaken. In the large ports of Quebec and Montreal their duties were of a very important nature.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said his present motion did not deal with the Trinity Board. It referred only to Harbour Masters.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said that the Harbour Master was a member of that Board at Quebec, if not at Montreal, and the motion would therefore affect that Board. The attention of the Government had been called a few days ago to a serious state of things existing in the Port of Quebec, from which it was seen that the office of a member of that Board was no sinecure. The Board had the management of the commerce and trade of the ports and control of sailors, &c. The trade was, of course, very large at these ports, nearly the whole of the commerce of Ontario going through them. The constitution of these Boards had engaged the attention of the Government, and the expenses at Quebec had been reduced by about fifty per cent. He considered the ports of Montreal and Quebec and the Trinity Boards at those places were not analogous to any other in the Dominion, as the great bulk of the commerce of Canada proper has to come through those ports. Every one knew that the charges connected with shipping at Montreal were very onerous, and much felt by the shipping interest. The effect of the resolution would be to levy an additional tax on everything that came to those ports.

Mr. WORKMAN said that the salary of the harbour master, \$1,600, would only amount to a tax of 10 cents on each ship.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD contended that it was necessary that the harbour master should be a Government officer. The water police there were under that officer's management, and the Government had recently been attacked for not increasing that force.

Hon. Mr. ANGLIN saw no reason why an exception should be made at Quebec. At Halifax and St. John, the harbour master was paid by fees, and the shipping trade at those ports was just as important as at any other.

Mr. SCATCHERD contended that the police force at Quebec should be supported by the local authorities, as their duties were purely of a local nature.

The amendment was put and lost on the following division:
Yeas, 42; Nays, 66.

(Division No. 49)

YEAS

Members

Anglin	Béchar
Blake	Bolton
Bourassa	Bowman
Cameron (Huron South)	Cartwright
Cheval	Coffin
Connell	Coupal
Fortier	Godin
Holton	Kempt
Little	Mackenzie
Magill	McConkey
McDougall (Renfrew South)	Metcalfe
Mills	Morison (Victoria North)
Munroe	Oliver
Pâquet	Redford
Ross (Prince Edward)	Ross (Victoria, N. S.)
Ross (Wellington Centre)	Rymal
Scatcherd	Snider
Stirton	Thompson (Haldimand)
Thompson (Ontario North)	Wells
White (Hastings East)	Whitehead
Workman	Young-42

NAYS

Members

Abott	Archambault
Baker	Barthe
Bellerose	Benoit
Bowell	Bown
Brousseau	Cameron (Peel)
Campbell	Carling
Caron	Carter
Cartier (Sir George-É.)	Colby
Crawford (Brockville)	Cumberland
Daoust	De Cosmos
Dobbie	Dugas
Ferguson	Gaucher
Gaudet	Gendron
Harrison	Hincks (Sir Francis)
Keeler	Killam
Lacerte	Langevin
Langlois	Lapum
Lawson	Macdonald (Sir John A.)
McDonald (Lunenburg)	McDonald (Middlesex West)
Masson (Soulanges)	Masson (Terrebonne)
McCallum	McDougall (Lanark North)
Merritt	Morris
Morison (Niagara)	Nathan
O'Connor	Perry
Pope	Pouliot
Pozer	Robitaille
Ross (Champlain)	Ryan (King's, N. B.)
Ryan (Montreal West)	Schultz
Shanly	Stephenson
Street	Thompson (Cariboo)
Tilley	Tourangeau
Tupper	Walsh
Webb	Wright (Ottawa County)-66