

Mr. *McDonald* (*Antigonish*), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Labrador Company*, and have agreed to amend the preamble and enacting clauses by striking out so much thereof as relates to the carrying on of lumbering, mining and quarrying operations. These amendments, together with others in the details of the Bill, they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by Mr. *Geoffrion*,

*Ordered*, That the Order of this House, referring to the General Committee of Elections, the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Chagnon* and others, against the Election and Return of *Honoré Mercier*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Rouville*; of *Henri Adolphe Migneault* and others, against the Election and Return of *Louis Delorme*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *St. Hyacinthe*; of *Honoré Frechette*, Esquire, against the Election and Return of the Honorable *Joseph Godéric Blanchet*, for the Electoral District of *Lévis*; of *Thomas Murray*, against the Election and Return of *William McKay Wright*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Pontiac*; of *Edouard Hospice Marceau*, against the Election and Return of the Honorable *Louis Hector Langevin*, for the Electoral District of *Dorchester*; of *George Clayer*, against the Election and Return of *George B. Baker*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Missisquoi*; and of *Jean Alfred Gagné*, against the Election and Return of *William Evan Price*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Chicoutimi* and *Saguenay*, be discharged.

The Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

#### DUFFERIN.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion, for the year ending 30th June, 1874; and, in accordance with the provisions of "The *British North America Act*, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.—(*Sessional Papers*, No. 2.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Ottawa*, 30th April, 1873.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again in Committee of Supply;

The Honorable Mr. *Tilley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Tupper*, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Blake*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "it appears from the evidence submitted to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that the contract for Section No. 5 on the Intercolonial Railway was originally let to Messrs. *Haycock & Co.*, for a lump sum of \$361,574. That while *Haycock & Co.*, had the contract, changes were made in the works to be constructed, reducing the value of the work to be done to the extent of about \$90,000. That the sum of \$48,752 was paid to these contractors on progress estimates. That the contract was taken from them subsequent to such reduction of costs and payment of money. That the Commissioners in a communication to the Government, under date of June 10th, 1872, recommend a further payment of \$25,517, which recommendation was adopted by Order in Council on June 19th, 1872.

The contract for the residue of the work undone was re-let in May, 1870, to *A. McDonnell & Co.*, for a lump sum of \$533,000. That in June, 1870, changes in the