

states that the fire was caused by a locomotive, and that, in the opinion of the arbitrator, the Government ought to pay the damage; that the Government do not intend to pay, because the Government are not liable in the premises, the spark arrestors of the engine having been proved to be in good order.

CLAIM OF JOSEPH D'ANJOU.

Mr. BILLY enquired, whether it is the intention of the Government to pay the claim of Joseph D'Anjou, for ties belonging to him, and removed at St. Fabien Station, in 1882, by the employees of the Intercolonial Railway? If not, for what reasons?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. At the time the claim of Joseph D'Anjou was established, he was indebted to the Government in the sum of \$192, which, after deducting the value of the ties, \$157.50, still leaves a balance due to the Government by him, of \$34.50.

ALFRED OGDEN.

Mr. KIRK enquired, Is Alfred Ogden employed by any Department of the Government? If so, by what Department? What are his duties and what salary does he receive?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. On enquiry, I find that Mr. Alfred Ogden is not employed by any Department of the Government.

Mr. MACKENZIE. And gets no salary?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. He cannot get a salary if he is not employed.

WELLINGTON BRIDGE, LACHINE CANAL.

Mr. CURRAN moved for copies of all correspondence relative to the necessity for further accommodation for foot passengers at Wellington Bridge, Lachine Canal.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. There is no objection to bringing down any correspondence. My recollection of the matter is that the hon. member for Montreal West made a very urgent application to the Government while the bridge was in process of construction to have accommodation provided for foot passengers, but it was found that the work had proceeded so far in the construction of the piers that a very great cost would be involved in affording this accommodation, and the contractors were unable to comply with the request of the hon. member for Montreal West.

Motion agreed to.

EDINBURGH FORESTRY EXHIBITION.

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew) in moving for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Governments of any of the Provinces, or between the Dominion Government and any person or persons respecting the advisability of adopting measures to secure an exhibit of Canadian woods at the Forestry Exhibition to be held in the city of Edinburgh in August next, said: I desire to make a few observations and will endeavour to make them as brief as possible. It will be admitted we have in Canada undertaken on many occasions to bring this country into prominence in England and the other countries of Europe. The course taken by the hon. Minister of Agriculture in securing the coming of the tenant farmer delegates to Canada had a very considerable effect in that direction. We have also had the able assistance of the Marquis of Lorne and the Earl of Dufferin in bringing Canada into prominence in the old country; but I think it will be admitted that there is no more effective mode of bringing about that desirable result than by

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the exhibition of our products at the great exhibitions of the world. I believe the Canadian exhibit held at the Fisheries Exhibition in London last summer, under the superintendence of the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, had more to do with bringing Canada into prominence in Great Britain than any other step taken previous to that time. It is true we expended a good deal of money in connection with that exhibition, but the fact that Canada was brought into such prominence by that means, the fact that Canada was in the mouths of so many people during the course of that exhibition has, I think, been justified by the Government in the expenditure made. In connection with that exhibit of wood, with which my motion proposes to deal, at the Forestry Exhibition in Edinburgh, in August next, I believe that such an exhibition would also tend to advantage Canada to a very great extent. It may be contented that the representation, if made at all, ought to be made by the different Provinces, who are more interested in the forestry of this country than the Dominion of Canada, but, if such an exhibit were made under the authority of the different Provinces, it would have to be divided up under four or five, or perhaps more different authorities, and it would not, to my mind, be nearly as effective as if that exhibition was made under the authority and under the jurisdiction of the Central Government; and I believe that I am not in error in stating that the industry of wood, the lumber industry, is of sufficient importance and has been of sufficient importance, in the commerce of this country to justify the Government in making a small expenditure in connection with such an exhibition as that which I advocate. I find, on looking over the Trade and Navigation Returns for the sixteen years which have elapsed since Confederation, that we have exported of the natural products of the country to the following amounts: Products of the mine, \$51,416,647; products of the fisheries, \$89,100,487; products of the forest, \$352,353,118; agricultural products and animals and their products, \$514,977,645. It will thus be seen that the exportation of the products of the forest, during those sixteen years, have amounted to an average of 33 per cent. of the exports of the whole of the natural products of this country, and, if we include the other exports with the export of the natural products we find the exports of the products of the forest amounted to 33½ per cent. of the whole of the exports of this country during the last sixteen years; and permit me to say, in addition to that, that the exportations to which I refer have no reference to the manufactures of wood or to the ships which have been exported during that period of time. It must, therefore, be admitted that the trade in the products of the forest is of sufficient importance to justify us in giving to that industry some consideration, and in endeavouring, if possible, if it be in our power, to give it the prominence it deserves in the old country. It has been stated, I am aware, by some hon. gentlemen, that the lumber industry is a waning industry; but when I inform the House that the exports of last year amounted to \$25,370,726, as against an average export, during the last sixteen years to which I have referred, of \$22,022,069, it will, I think, be admitted that that trade has not reached a point of decadence which causes us to believe it is not an important element in the exports of this country; and, if it is a waning industry, if the views that are held by hon. gentlemen in reference to it in that respect be correct, it must be because the products of the forest are being cut or burnt away; and, even in that connection, it seems to me it would be desirable that we should obtain all the information in our power to enable us to conserve these forests, by ascertaining as accurately as we can what modes are adopted in Norway and other northern countries of Europe for the preservation and replanting of the forest, and I know of no means which would be more satisfactory in this respect than a representation of Canada at the exhibition in Edinburgh in