

the hon. gentleman would call for the reports in the usual way they would be brought down.

MR. BORDEN said he thought he was entitled to know why these changes had been made. He had understood that these gentlemen were dismissed on the score of economy, but this could not be so, as new appointments had been made. It was only a convenient way to get rid of gentlemen supposed to be opposed to the present Administration, and of substituting their own supporters. It was only fair that he should see the report.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: I do not like to interrupt my hon. friend, but the hon. gentleman ought to have given notice, and he would thus have got the information he desires.

MR. MACKENZIE: It is very common to raise a question of grievance in going through the Estimates. When I was sitting over there I heard similar questions asked.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: And I have no doubt they were objected to.

MR. BORDEN: This is a vote for Salaries of Wardens and Overseers of Fisheries. There are three Wardens and one Overseer dismissed, and I want to know why. I have repeatedly known questions of this kind asked on such a vote. I have given notice of a question—

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Then the hon. gentleman is clearly out of order to bring up a subject on which he has given notice.

MR. BORDEN: I do not see why the right hon. gentleman should take such a course as this towards me, particularly as I have been compelled to be away a large portion of the Session, and could not put motions or give notices. I have given a notice certainly, but since the notice has been given, the right hon. gentleman has notified us that he will take Wednesday, the only private day, and I shall have no other opportunity of asking the question. I would, therefore, request the hon. gentleman, simply as a matter of courtesy, to furnish me now with the information required, that is, to let me know whether the Government has received any report in relation to the subject of my question, and what course is intended to be taken in this matter; also, that he will lay the

report on which the officers were dismissed on the Table.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: After the remarks made by the hon. gentleman, I shall not object to his bringing up matters which he could not strictly bring up now; but with reference to his question, if the hon. gentleman will put it to-morrow we will attend to it.

In reply to Mr. SMITH,

MR. POPE (Queen's, P. E. I.) said the increase of the item for Fishery Overseers in Manitoba, from \$200 to \$1,000 this year, was to secure greater protection to the fish. Last year it was insufficient.

In reply to Mr. BORDEN,

MR. POPE (Queen's, P. E. I.) said his instructions to the Fishery Inspectors were to report every officer, no matter what his politics, who did not discharge his duties, with a view to his dismissal.

MR. PLUMB said the fish-breeding establishment at Newcastle, Ontario, was a great success, as was apparent from the fact that fish bred there had been caught at the mouth of the Niagara. Recent experience showed that shad could be hatched and successfully bred in Lake Ontario. Mr. Seth Green, a famous pisciculturist of the United States, had recently let loose large shoals of shad at Rochester, and Lake Ontario was now being stocked with that fish.

Several HON. MEMBERS: Question, order.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said he must protest against such disrespectful treatment of his hon. friend from Niagara, one of the most distinguished members of the Conservative party. Such disturbance was a disgrace to the Opposition, and if persisted in would evoke retaliation upon that party from the leaders downwards. The Opposition had been well treated by the majority, and it made a bad return.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT said he must object entirely to the language of the right hon. gentleman. The gentlemen interrupting the hon. member for Niagara were not members of the Opposition but of the Government party. The Opposition desired to expedite the Estimates, but not to obstruct business. The hon. Premier's threats were not justified on this occasion.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said