

to the individuals whose claims they have paid at 6 per cent. Surely if the Dominion consider themselves bound to pay 6 per cent. upon arrears of payment to parties having claims against the Province, are they not bound to pay us 6 per cent. upon arrears due to us? I should think that would follow as a matter of course. But, another thing, you must recollect that their claim is that we are only to receive 5 per cent. simple interest from the date of Confederation. Now, it is well known that for many years after Confederation the Dominion were paying 6 per cent. for money borrowed, but they say to us: "We will only allow you 5 per cent." I may also say, as stated before, that the Dominion Government allow interest on the Indian Fund at 6 per cent., and also to the Seigniories of Lower Canada. I have here the Public Accounts of the Dominion for 1884 showing that. I find on page 12:—

"Interest on Trust Funds:—Indian Fund—For one year's interest to 30th June, 1884, on \$1,197,812.93, at 6 per cent. per annum, \$66,468.78."

Then I have, immediately following:—

"Compensation to Seigniors, L. C.—Half-year's interest to 1st July, 1883, on \$198,073, at 6 per cent. per annum, \$5,942.19;" and, following that, "Half-year's interest to 1st January, 1884, on \$190,110.67, at 6 per cent. per annum, \$5,703.32."

Then, if you turn to the Special Accounts, you will see that interest is actually compounded. Take Indian Trust Fund Account, it says:—

Balance at credit of this fund on 30th June, 1883...	\$3,150,986
Interest accrued during the year on funds in the	
hands of the Dominion Government.....	153,816

This is credited to Principal Account, and interest allowed on it the next year, so that in regard to Indian Trust Fund Account the Dominion allows 6 per cent. compound interest, while they only allow us 5 per cent. simple.

Mr. Speaker, although this extraordinary position taken by the Finance Minister has prevented a final settlement being arrived at, still some progress has been made towards it. I may say, we have practically settled the old Province of Canada account. I have previously informed the House that the Treasurers contended that the effect of the Acts of 1873 and 1884 was