

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** assented.

**Hon. Mr. WOOD** asked whether Government could say what the entire cost of the Survey would ultimately amount to.

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS:** No.

Item carried.

**Mr. MACKENZIE** said at the rate charged for the Survey of the Intercolonial the location of the Pacific would amount to over four millions of dollars; the exploratory survey alone would probably cost a million.

**Hon. Mr. McDOUGALL (Lanark North)** said it would be quite enough for the first year to survey from the Pacific Coast to the Rocky Mountains, and from Fort Garry to Lake Nipissing. He supposed the work was really to ascertain the practicability of the Railway at all. This was of course necessary to induce a Company to take the work, but it was not necessary to make a Survey over a country where a line could be run at any place, as was the case for 1,000 miles of the road.

On the item of \$40,000 for the construction of a new Post Office at Montreal, several questions were asked and replied to by the Minister of Public Works.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** asked what was the area of the site. He believed it to be the best in Montreal, but he would like to know what was the price per foot.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** could not give the exact number of feet, but he described the extent of the lot, and said it would be understood by those who knew Montreal.

Item carried.

Item of \$200,000 for raising the banks of the Welland Canal, and \$150,000 for Grenville Canal Locks.—Carried.

On the item of \$100,000 for improving the channel of the St. Lawrence between Kingston and Montreal,

**Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry)** asked at what points the improvements were to be made.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said that the report on the subject shewed that there were several points at which there was a very small depth, and it was intended to make a depth to allow vessels drawing eight or nine feet of water to pass.

**Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry)** said he was as anxious as any one could be to have the navigation of the St. Lawrence improved, but he disapproved of this system of coming down to the House and asking for an appropriation for the purpose without being able to give estimates of the cost of engineering, &c.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** had every confidence in Mr. Page, the engineer of the Department, and was willing to vote for the appropriation if that gentleman recommended that it should be made.

The item was carried.

On the item of \$10,000 for the completion of Survey of Sault Ste. Marie canal,

**Mr. MACKENZIE** wished to know if the Canal Report already presented by Mr. Kilally was not sufficient.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said the report referred to was Mr. Keefer's. The depth of water on the sill recommended by him was nine feet.

**Mr. MACKENZIE:** That would never do.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** thought so too. The Canal Commissioners recommended twelve feet on the sills and other improvements on which Mr. Keefer had not reported, and it was thought proper to make this appropriation for a fresh survey.

**Mr. MACKENZIE** said the regular staff of the Department ought to be sufficiently large to attend to this trifling matter.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said the staff was already fully employed. They were still engaged in making the surveys ordered last session.

**Mr. MACKENZIE** said the distance to be surveyed was not over a mile and a half, the location was pleasant and easy of access, there was no great engineering difficulty to be overcome, and how \$10,000 were to be expended he could not understand.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said in former instances it had been found that such appropriations were not large enough. If any portion of this amount should not be required it would remain over unexpended.

Item carried.

On the item of \$6,000 for a bridge over the Rideau Canal, at Wellington Village, the Local authorities furnishing an equal amount,

**Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry)** asked for explanations.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said the water had been raised by a dam erected by the Government, and the Canal was thus made some sixty feet broader. The cost of the bridge was proportionately increased, and the Government thought proper to bear a portion of the expense. Twelve thousand dollars would construct a draw bridge.

**Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry)** thought it would be better to expend a little more and erect a good fixed bridge sufficiently high