

## STATEMENT OF IMPORTS.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. In the absence of Mr. Burpee, of St. John, I wish to move for a return similar to that which has been moved for by that hon. gentleman on two or three occasions,—a summary statement, similar to No. 2 in the Trade and Navigation Returns, of the goods imported for consumption, dutiable and free, in the Dominion of Canada, the amount of duty collected, and the rates of duty levied thereon, during the six months ending 31st December, 1883; also, a similar statement to No. 5, in the Trade and Navigation Returns, of the goods the produce and manufacture of Canada, exported from the Dominion of Canada for the six months ending 31st December, 1883. This, I think, has been regularly moved for and obtained during the last year or two.

Mr. BOWELL. Before the motion is carried, I would say to the hon. gentleman that some little time, as he well knows, must elapse before it will be possible to make out the desired return. We have to wait for all the papers from the different Provinces, and as the hon. gentleman very properly remarked in introducing the motion, the same resolution has been passed almost every Session for the last four or five years. But we have never been able to prepare the return and bring it down before the end of the Session, so that really it has been of very little use for the purposes to which it could be applied during the Session. I will, however, if possible, have the return brought down this Session at an earlier period, and see that it is made out with all possible despatch, but the hon. gentleman must not expect it for some weeks.

Motion agreed to.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved:

That a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House on Thursday, the 17th instant, and that Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Hector Langevin, Messrs. Blake, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. BLAKE asked that Messrs. Cartwright and Vail's names be substituted for Messrs Mackenzie and Laurier.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

## OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. BOWELL moved:

That a Select Committee, comprising Messrs. Béchard, Bergin, Charlton, Colby, Desjardins, McDonald (Cape Breton), Scriver, Somerville and White (Gardwell), be a Committee to supervise the Official Report of the Debates during the present Session.

Motion agreed to.

## RETURNS.

Motions for the following Returns were severally agreed to:—

A duly certified copy of the complaint or petition of Eugène Gosselin, of St. Charles de Bellechasse, farmer, presented to the Dominion Arbitrators; also of all the record of proceedings before the said Arbitrators, including all evidence, accounts, protests and judgment in the said case and forming part of the said record.—(Mr. Amyot.)

A duly certified copy of the complaint or petition of Louis Chabot, of St. Charles de Bellechasse, farmer, presented to the Dominion Arbitrators; also of all the record of proceedings before the said Arbitrators, including the evidence, accounts, protests and judgment in the said case and forming part of the said record.—(Mr. Amyot.)

A duly certified copy of the complaint or petition of Charles Chabot, of St. Charles de Bellechasse, farmer, presented to the Dominion Arbitrators; also of all the record of proceedings before the said Arbitrators, including all evidence, accounts, protests and judgment in the said case and forming part of the said record.—(Mr. Amyot.)

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Return of the Receipts and Expenditure in detail, chargeable to the Consolidated Fund, from the first day of July, 1882, to the 20th day of January, 1883, and from the 1st day of July, 1883, to the 20th day of January, 1884.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Return in the form used in the statements usually published in the *Gazette*, of the exports and imports from the 1st day of July, 1882, to the 1st day of January, 1883, and from the 1st day of July, 1883, to the 1st day of January, 1884, distinguishing the products of Canada and those of other countries.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Statement showing the amount of Government money on deposit on the 1st day of January, 1884, whether in Canada or elsewhere, together with the names of the Banks where in the said moneys are deposited, with the amount in each Bank respectively; also the amount at interest and the rate of interest, if any, allowed on the said deposits in each case.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Return showing (approximately) the number of immigrants who are supposed to have settled in the Province of Ontario in the years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1883, respectively.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 3:45 o'clock, p.m.) the House adjourned.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 22nd January, 1884.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

## BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 5) to consolidate and amend the Acts respecting the elections of Members of the House of Commons.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

Bill (No. 6) to provide for the punishment of seduction and like offences.—(Mr. Charlton.)

## MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The hon. gentleman opposite has asked me to give an explanation of the Ministerial changes which have taken place since last Session. The only change which has taken place is this: The Hon. Mr. Macpherson, who was Speaker of the Upper House and a member of the Government, resigned his Speakership and was appointed Minister of the Interior in my place, I taking the office of President of the Council. There is a change in the administration of the Department of the Interior in this regard: that the Indian Department, instead of being under the charge of the Minister, is now under the charge of the President of the Council, myself. The Mounted Police Branch which is connected with the Indian Department, is also transferred to the Department of the President of the Council under the Statute. The Hon. Mr. Macpherson is now Minister of the Interior, and I am President of the Council and Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.