

Rideau River, between the city of Ottawa and the Township of Gloucester, with a view of preventing a recurrence of the same. If not, is it the intention of the Government to direct the making of such an enquiry?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department was, last fall, directed to institute enquires into the causes of the flooding of the Rideau. A careful survey has been made, and notes have been taken respecting the breaking up of the ice, the area of the flooded district, &c., and a report will be furnished in a very short time.

REPRINTING BRITISH COPYRIGHT WORKS.

Mr. EDGAR asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to lay before this House this Session any measure of legislation for placing Canadian publishers upon the same footing as American publishers in regard to the reprinting of British copyright works, or whether it is proposed to invite this House to address Her Majesty upon the subject of modifying any Imperial legislation which is restrictive of the powers of the Canadian Parliament respecting copyright in Canada?

Mr. THOMPSON. The matter is still being considered.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

The Order being called for resolutions on the subject of the granting of a measure of Home Rule for Ireland—(Mr. Curran),

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I would ask my hon. friend, seeing there are a good many members away, who desired to be present when this question comes up, to fix another and an early day for the discussion of this matter. I would suggest Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. CURRAN. Thursday.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved:

That the said Resolutions be the first Order of the Day on Thursday next.

Motion agreed to.

FRANCHISE ACT—COSTS OF VOTERS' LISTS.

Mr. LANDERKIN moved for:

A return giving the total cost of the preparation of the voters's list under the Electoral Franchise Act in Canada; together with a detailed statement of the cost in each electoral division for salaries of revising officer, clerk and bailiff, and travelling allowance to each, if any; giving also amount paid for printing lists, and showing to whom paid in each division; the amount paid for advertising, rent of halls, and for every other service connected therewith in each electoral division in the Dominion of Canada.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would like to call the attention of my hon. friend to the fact that he will find almost all the information asked for in this motion in the report of the Auditor General, which has just been laid upon the Table of the House and I would ask him to allow this motion to stand until he has examined that report, and then he may move for anything in addition he requires. The great bulk of the information will be found in that report.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I dare say that will be satisfactory. I hope that the information is given in detail, so that it will be in a convenient form—

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I think so.

Mr. LANDERKIN. And that we can get at it without much search and examination. It appears to be the order of the House that these papers stand, and I suppose I must follow the example. Coercion stands too.

Motion allowed to stand.

PRINTING OF THE VOTERS' LISTS.

The Order being called for notice of motion (Mr. Innes) respecting amounts paid for printing the voters' lists, and amounts paid to officials connected therewith,

Mr. INNES. As the design of this motion is similar to that of the member for South Grey (Mr. Landerkin), which has just been allowed to stand, with the consent of the House I beg to withdraw it.

Motion withdrawn.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE CHARGEABLE TO CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved for:

Return of the receipts and expenditure, in detail, chargeable to the Consolidated Fund, from the 1st day of July, 1886, to the 1st day of April, 1887.

He said: By a clerical error the 1st April has been given for the 10th. What I want is what is usually known as the ten days statement. I also wish to add what seems to have been omitted in the printed notice, that I want the usual printed estimates of receipts and expenditure. The hon. Minister will understand that I want the ordinary ten days statement which is usually laid before us.

Motion agreed to.

RETURNS ORDERED.

Return in the form used in the statements usually published in the *Gazette*, of the exports and imports from the 1st day of July, 1886, to the 1st day of April, 1887, distinguishing the products of Canada and those of other countries.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Return in detail showing the description and values of grain and animal products exported from the Dominion of Canada from 1st July, 1886, to 1st April, 1887.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

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

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

TUESDAY, 19th April, 1887.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORTS.

Report of the Department of Railways and Canals for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Mr. Pope.)

Report of the Minister of Justice as to Penitentiaries in Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

LIABILITIES FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Are the hon. gentlemen ready now to give the information asked for by my motion yesterday: The total amount of liabilities for subsidies to railways and other purposes under existing Statutes? The estimated amount required to complete public works now in progress chargeable to capital?

Mr. POPE. I cannot give it very clearly or exactly, because a good deal of this depends on whether they go on with the work. We have assumed obligations, by entering into contracts, to the amount of \$3,268,000.

Mr. BLAKE. That is the amount for which you have contracted, I understand?