

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE FOR COUNTY OF NICOLET.

Mr. TURCOTTE asked:

1. What is the total amount of the grants of public moneys for the county of Nicolet from 1878 to 1896?
2. What is the total amount of the grants of public moneys for the county of Nicolet from 1896 to this day?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works):

1. \$141,667.07.
2. \$230,083.72.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY—CONTRACT FOR STEEL RAILS.

Mr. BOYCE asked :

1. What quantities of steel rails have been contracted for by the National Transcontinental Railway Commission for use in the construction of any part of the railway between Winnipeg and Moncton, during the year ending June 30, 1908?
2. With what firms or corporations, respectively, have such orders been placed, and at what rates, respectively?
3. What quantity of rails imported from foreign countries for use in the construction of such railway were admitted into Canada free of duty?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. 130,371 gross tons.
2. With the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Limited, of Sydney, as follows:

	Per Ton.
Delivery free at Quebec	\$34 00
“ “ “ “	35 00
“ Port Arthur or	
Fort William	34 50
“ Moncton	35 85
“ Edmunston.	37 60
“ Lévis.	35 00

With the Algoma Steel Company, Limited of Sault Ste. Marie :

	Per ton
Delivery free at Port Arthur or	
Fort William	\$34 00
Delivery free at Junction T. and	
N. O. Railway	40 00

FLYING RED ENSIGN ON MERCHANT VESSELS.

Mr. SINCLAIR asked :

1. What is the authority for flying the red ensign with the Canadian coat of arms on the flag on board merchant vessels registered in Canada?
2. Does section 73 of the Merchants' Shipping Act call for the national colours without defacement or modification on all merchant vessels?
3. Is there any official warrant or order varying this rule? If so, when was the same issued?

Mr. GRAHAM.

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries):

1. Admiralty warrant, February 2, 1892.
2. Yes, with the exception of ships registered in the Dominions of Canada and New Zealand and the Commonwealth of Australia.
3. Answered by No. 1.

BOUNDARIES OF MANITOBA.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved the following resolution :

Whereas petitions have been presented to the government and to this House from the legislative assembly of Manitoba, praying for an extension of the boundaries of the said province northward and eastward, and for an additional subsidy to the said province in lieu of the ownership of public lands in the territory to be so added,

Be it resolved,

That it is expedient that the prayer of the said petition should be acceded to, and that upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the said legislative assembly and by parliament, the boundaries of Manitoba be extended as follows:

The northern boundary to be the sixtieth parallel of latitude; the western boundary to be the present eastern boundary line of the province of Saskatchewan to the said sixtieth parallel; the eastern boundary to be the present eastern boundary as far north as the northeast corner of the province, thence on a straight line to the most eastern point of Island lake, and thence on a straight line to the point where the eighty-ninth meridian of west longitude intersects the shore line of Hudson bay.

And be it further resolved:

That whereas notwithstanding the extension of territory above described, the ungranted lands of the Crown in the territory so to be added to the said province will still continue to be administered by the government of Canada for the purposes of the Dominion; and the said province will not have the public land as a source of revenue.

It is just and equitable to recognize the increased cost of civil government which such extension of territory will occasion to the province, and in view of the premises, to make to the said province an increased allowance by money payment, the amount of which should be the subject of negotiation between the government of Canada and the government of Manitoba.

And be it further resolved:

That, upon the legislature of the province of Ontario consenting thereto, it is expedient to extend the boundaries of the said province, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the said legislature and by parliament, so as to include all the territory to the north of the said province lying between the extended boundaries of Manitoba above described and the waters of James bay and Hudson bay.

And be it further resolved:

That, upon the legislature of the province of Quebec consenting thereto, it is expedient to extend the boundaries of the said province,