

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** replied that there was already a resolution before the House on this subject.

**Mr. MASSON (Soulanges)** enquired whether it was the intention of the Government to cause a light house to be erected at Port Lewis, in the Parish of St. Anicet, on Lake St. Francis, as requested in the petition signed by a large number of Captains in command of steam vessels and others.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** replied that the matter was under the consideration of the Government.

**Mr. MILLS** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to ask the House for an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Rivers Thames and Sydenham.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** replied that the attention of the Government had been called by the hon. member for Kent (Mr. Stephenson) and a deputation from Chatham, to the obstructions said to exist at the mouth of the River Thames, and the matter was being considered. As to the River Sydenham the attention of his department had not been called to the matter.

**Mr. POZER** enquired whether contractors for Section 6 of the Intercolonial Railway, whose contract has been annulled, had been discharged from their obligations, and whether the Government or any member thereof, had in any manner promised, or whether it had been agreed to indemnify the said contractors (and their securities) for the value of the work done, instead of paying for each work in conformity with the terms of the said contract?

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** replied that the contractors had not been discharged from obligations, that no promise had been made by the Government or any member thereof, but that those contractors, as well as others similarly situated, had made representations to the Government which were under consideration.

**Mr. JONES (Halifax)** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for the payment of the increased subsidy to the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick from 1st July, 1871, according to the Census Returns as provided by the B.N.A. Act.

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** replied that it was certainly the intention of the Government to do so.

**Mr. POZER** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to indemnify the contractors for Section 6 of the Intercolonial Railway, for the value of the work done, instead of paying for such work in conformity with the terms of the said contract.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** replied that the intention of the Government had been called to the matter by the contractors, and

also by petitions numerously signed by members of the House of Commons, and that the matter was under consideration.

**Mr. HOLMES** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to make any change in relation to rationing and paying of the Volunteers while performing their annual drill this year; and if so, what is the nature of the change?

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** replied that the sums placed in the Estimates now before the House were on the same scale as last year, but it would be gratifying to him if the House should come to the conclusion that the pay and rationing were not sufficient. It was, however, a matter for the House to decide.

**Mr. MASSON (Soulanges)** enquired whether it is true that the sum of \$960, or any other sum of money was due to Laughlin McLaughlin, Esq., one of the persons employed on the Intercolonial Railway; and if so, why such sum had not been paid to him, and whether it would be soon paid?

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** replied that Mr. McLaughlin had communicated with the Government on the matter; and that his representations had been referred to the Commissioners of the Intercolonial Railway who had found that they owed no money to Mr. McLaughlin.

**Mr. GRANT** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to supply each of the Members of the various Local Parliaments with a copy of the Parliamentary Sessional papers.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** replied that this was not a matter for the discussion of the Government, it rested entirely with the House.

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## FENIAN RAIDS

**Mr. CARTWRIGHT** moved, seconded by **Mr. ROSS (Prince Edward)**, and the Question being proposed: That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. That this House regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Advisers have seen fit to assume the responsibility of withdrawing the claims of the Dominion of Canada, against the United States, for compensation on account of injuries arising from the Fenian raids.
2. That this House cannot but feel that the proposal to indemnify the people of Canada, whether directly or indirectly, at the expense of the English tax-payer, for wrongs committed by subjects of a Foreign State, is impolitic, both in itself and as tending to produce just dissatisfaction in the Mother Country, and furthermore that