

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Perhaps it had better stand as a notice of motion.

Mr. HESSON. The committee is a very large one, and nine is too small a number, I think, to form a quorum. Usually there is a large attendance, and the committee should not be permitted to meet with a quorum of nine members, all the other members being held responsible for the action taken. The committee were unanimous in respect to the recommendation.

Mr. SPEAKER. This must stand as a notice of motion, because a notice is necessary in this case.

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew). I will allow it to stand as a notice of motion.

Motion withdrawn.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved that Messrs. Joncas and Campbell (Kent) be added to the Committee on Immigration.

Motion agreed to.

COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

Mr. EDGAR asked, Whether the Government has yet obtained the consent of the Imperial Government to lay before this House, the papers or any of them, relating to commercial treaties, in which Canada is interested, which are covered by the terms of the Address passed by this House on 28th January, 1884? And (if such consent has been obtained) when will the papers be brought down?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The consent of the Imperial Government has not been received, nor is it likely to be received, as they object to correspondence being submitted on a matter not brought to a conclusion; and I may add, I hope to be able at an early day to make a communication to the House upon the subject which I hope will be satisfactory.

PUBLIC BUILDING FOR LUNENBURG.

Mr. EISENHAEUER asked, Whether the Government have secured a site for a Public Building in the town of Lunenburg for which \$4,000 was voted last Session; also whether it is the intention of the Government, this Session, to place in the Estimates a sum sufficient to put up and complete the building?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. To the first part of the question I answer yes, that a site has been secured; to the second portion I may say the matter is under the consideration of the Government.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION.

Mr. BARRON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to compensate J. C. Gilchrist, Esquire, of Woodville, father and legal representative of the late William Campbell Gilchrist, in his lifetime of Frog Lake, N.W.T., where he was killed by Indians on the 2nd April, 1885, during the rebellion, for the personal property of the deceased which was lost and destroyed as a result of the insurrection?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). It is not the intention of the Government to compensate persons whose relatives were lost during the troubles in the North-West. So far as Mr. Gilchrist is concerned, I have had some correspondence with him and have secured at the public expense proper sepulture for the deceased. As to the latter part of the question, I presume a claim has been laid before the North-West

Commission, and whatever amount may be found to have been lost will be paid.

INSPECTION OF BUTTER.

Mr. HICKEY asked, Is it the intention of the Government to increase the duty on butter?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. It is not competent for the Government to make any communication touching the tariff until the Budget is brought down.

Mr. MITCHELL. I hope there will be no duties added to the food of the people.

Mr. HICKEY asked, Is it the intention of the Government to have all butter imported for home consumption subject to scientific inspection?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The Government, upon having any evidence furnished that butter imported is of an unwholesome or impure character, would take the necessary steps to have it subjected to scientific inspection.

RESIDENCE FOR THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Mr. ROBILLARD asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to build a new residence for the Governor General? If so, where?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is not the intention of the Government.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. TAYLOR. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to make a personal explanation. It having appeared in the newspapers that I did not vote on the amendment of my hon. friend from West Assiniboia (Mr. Davin), and as I find on referring to the Votes and Proceedings of the House that my name is not recorded, I bring the matter before the House. I mentioned it to the Clerk, who said it was an omission and he would see it was corrected; but I deem it right to make this personal explanation, as it has appeared in the press that I shirked that vote. I did vote on the question, and I voted in favor of the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER. As the Clerk states that there was really a mistake, a correction will be made by an erratum.

QUEEN'S, N. B., ELECTION.

Mr. SKINNER. I will first read the resolution which I propose to move:

That it be Resolved, That it appears by the poll-books and other papers transmitted by John R. Dunn, the returning officer appointed to conduct the last election of the electoral district of the county of Queen's, N. B., and laid upon the Table of this House by Richard Pope, Esq., Clerk of the Crown in Chancery;

That two candidates, George F. Baird, Esq., and George G. King, Esq., were nominated, that a poll was granted, and the names of the said George F. Baird and George G. King were posted as candidates in accordance with the provisions of the Election Act.

That on the twenty-second day of February last a poll was held and taken in the said electoral district and the returns made to the said returning officer by the deputy returning officers of the said several polling districts.

That the said John R. Dunn as such returning officer made a return certifying that the member elect for the said electoral district was Geo. F. Baird, of the city of Saint John, in the city and county of Saint John, barrister-at-law, no other candidate having been properly nominated, and also made a report of the proceedings, which is as follows:—

"REPORT of proceedings in the matter of the Election in the Electoral District of Queen's County, Province of New Brunswick.

"To the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery:

"The writ commanding me to hold an election was received by me January 28th, 1887. I took the oath required by law and appointed my election clerk. Proclamations were duly posted throughout the county within the time prescribed by the Act.