

out of the interpretation of treaties, but all questions including those affecting the honour or the territory of their country. It was one bold step taken towards the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration. The United States received the encouragement and the applause of the whole world, and it would be most surprising, indeed, if it went back not only upon the spirit in which it entered into the two last treaties, but the spirit which underlies the twenty or twenty-five treaties which the United States has signed during the last three or four years binding itself to submit to arbitration all questions concerning the interpretation of treaties.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—What I had in view was this—and my hon. friend seems to overlook the fact—that when the president of the United States assented to the treaty, the Senate of the United States refused to sanction it without amending it to provide that questions affecting the honour of that country should not be submitted to the Hague Tribunal, and the only doubt I have in my mind is whether the United States government will not attempt to bring this question within the exception.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I am not sure that the hon. gentleman is right as to the position taken by the United States. The amendment was to this effect—the Senate of the United States should retain the right to examine every question arising out of a treaty before consenting

to have it submitted to the Hague tribunal. This is the impression which remains in my mind from reading the debates in the United States Senate, but I am open to correction if I am mistaken. I am convinced that the United States Senate did recognize the principle that all questions, including those affecting honour and territory, should go to the Hague tribunal, provided they were submitted to the Senate before the reference was made.

Hon. Sir GEORGE W. ROSS—There can be no reference to the Hague Tribunal without the sanction of the Senate on any proposal made for arbitration. That is as I understand it.

The motion was agreed to.

IMPROVEMENTS TO NAVIGATION AT THUNDER BAY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired:

1. In what year were dredging operations begun on the Kaminstiquia at Fort William and environs?
 2. What has been the amount expended each year?
 3. What is the total amount spent to date on dredging and improvements to navigation, wharfs, &c., at Fort William?
- And, also, the same enquiries as to Port Arthur?

Hon. Mr. S. LOUGHEED—The answers are as follows:—

1. 1883 at Fort William; 1888 at Port Arthur.