

Committee. It is important that it should be fully discussed before a full Committee. There was not a quorum.

MR. CAMERON (North Victoria) : It was insisted on, the Committee going on without a quorum.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD : As the House knows that there was no quorum, I think that settles the question. I think the point taken by the hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake) that the grounds ought to have been stated in the Report, is correct. I do not suppose the Committee should be compelled to enter into full reasons, but there must be some general ground stated, and the ground for the declaration of the Committee that it is expedient, will satisfy the Rules. I think that it must be held that the reference should be, as my hon. friend from Halton says, a general reference back to the Committee, as if it had never been sent there before.

Motion agreed to, and Bill recommitteed.

BILL INTRODUCED.

The following Bill (*from the Senate*) was introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 112) To explain and further to amend the Canada Temperance Act, 1878.—  
(*Mr. Bousell.*)

SUPPLY.

XXIV. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

160 Geological Survey.....	\$50,000
161 To meet probable expenditure in consequence of the transfer of Museum from Montreal to Ottawa.....	5,000

In reply to Mr. MACKENZIE,

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said that the Government had, subject to the decision of Parliament, arranged to purchase the old Clarendon Hotel for the purpose of using it as the office of the Geological Survey Department here. It was proposed to move the head-quarters of the Survey to Ottawa, in accordance with the power given under the late Government, and the expressed intention of the Government last Session. The premises had been obtained at a reasonable price, and the removal was intended to take place this summer. It was not intended to deprive Montreal of a Geological Museum.

MR. MACDOUGALL.

There would still be a Museum there as well as at Ottawa. It was thought that the Department could afford to have a Museum in each place.

MR. MACKENZIE asked if the right hon. gentleman could say if arrangements had been made for the work of the present season, and where the officials were to be chiefly engaged.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said that perhaps the information could be given in concurrence.

Vote agreed to.

XXV. INDIANS.

Ontario and Quebec.

162 {	Annual Grants :—	
	For Indians of Quebec.....	\$3,200
	For purchase of blankets for aged and infirm Indians of Ontario and Quebec.....	1,600
	For Indian schools in Ontario and Quebec.....	5,000
	For Annuities under the Robinson Treaty.....	14,000

MR. SCRIVER asked what was the present position of affairs in reference to the annuities under the Robinson Treaty, an amount of which there had been a large arrear due from the Province of Ontario to the Dominion.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said he thought it stood very much as it did last year. The Government had certain means of paying themselves, but was not desirable to press that course except in case of absolute necessity. He hoped the Boundary question and this would be settled together.

In reply to Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT,

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD said a portion of the land included in the Robinson Treaty was within the claim set upon in reference to the Boundary ; but it was only a very small portion of that land—not so much as to make it material.

MR. DAWSON said that the claims of the Indians of Lakes Huron and Superior formed, in fact, a lien on the land, and that as the Government of Ontario received the revenues of the land, that Government should be called upon to meet the arrears due to the Indians. On a fair consideration of the circumstances it would be found that there was a considerable sum still due, in the way of arrears, to the Indians, and it was unfair to keep it from them. Ontario should