

arrangement is made by which lower rates will prevail across the straits.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. If I am not mistaken, the Dominion Government pays annually the sum of \$2,000 to the Government of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. MARTIN. It is not paid to the provincial government, but to a company called the Anglo-American Telegraph Company.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. I think the Government give \$2,000 to the local government; at all events, I will look into the question.

Mr. MARTIN. The hon. Minister will find that the money is paid to the Anglo-American Company. The island had a telegraph service before it entered confederation, and the rates were nearly as low as they are to-day. When the rates are being lowered all over the Dominion, the time has arrived when this matter should be looked into, and the same low rates extended to the island as are enjoyed by other provinces of the Dominion.

Miscellaneous—Towards a monument to the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie..... \$5,000

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I should not like this resolution to pass without taking the opportunity of expressing the gratification that I feel at seeing the provision for a statue of the late lamented Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. I believe there is no appropriation which appears in these Estimates under consideration, that will give more genuine satisfaction to the people of Canada, without respect to party, than the appropriation for a statute to the memory of a man, whose memory will never die, even though it should not be preserved in marble or in bronze. The services that great man—for he was a great man—rendered to his country, by his devotion to British institutions, by his readiness on every occasion to maintain that which he believed would best promote the interests of Canada, will, I am satisfied, never be forgotten by the people of Canada, irrespective of party. It is a source of great pleasure to me to have the opportunity to support this vote, which I think should have appeared in the Estimates long ago.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). It gives me great pleasure, and it must have given great pleasure to both sides of the House, to hear the terms in which the leader of the Opposition has spoken of my lamented friend Mr. Mackenzie. Of this I feel certain, that the leader of the Opposition has expressed the feelings of all men, now that the echoes of the party strife in which Mr. Mackenzie took part have disappeared. I believe, from one end of Canada to the other, there will be a general feeling of satisfaction that the memory of Alexander Mackenzie is fittingly honoured. Long be-

fore his death, I think the opinion was entertained all over the Dominion, that whatever his little failings may have been, Mr. Mackenzie was, at heart, as sincere a lover of his country as any man could be; and more than that, that in many ways both parties acknowledged that Mr. Mackenzie saw clearly and distinctly a great many matters in respect to which his judgment has been vindicated by events which have come to pass since he ceased to hold the position my hon. friend now fills. But I rose more particularly to say, that I feel the hon. gentleman has done himself and has done his party credit by the manner in which he has expressed his appreciation of the services of that lamented statesman.

Telegraph Lines—North-west Territories. \$20,000

Mr. HAGGART. Has the Government not got rid of a good many of the telegraph lines in the North-west Territories?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. No; the lines are about the same. There are slight increases and decreases in the mileage, but, speaking generally, we have the same lines.

Mail Service..... \$2,257,137

Mr. CLARKE. I notice that in the Toronto division there is a decrease of \$1,200 for second class clerks, and a decrease of \$780 for third class clerks. What is the explanation of that.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). The decrease of \$1,200 arises from the transfer of Mr. Crocker from the inspector's office to the railway mail service office, and the \$780 arises from the death of Mr. Whiteside, and it is not necessary to fill the office.

Mr. DAVIN. I notice the vote to meet the increased cost of living in the North-west Territories, Manitoba and British Columbia has been reduced \$10,700.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. That is merely a book-keeping entry.

Mr. DAVIN. Then, as a matter of fact, the officers in the North-west Territories have not been deprived of anything.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. No. It is because of the arrangement making the mail service an independent branch. The \$10,700 is voted in another form.

Steam communication between Halifax and Newfoundland, via Cape Breton ports... \$2,000

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Is it proposed by the Government to make any provision for steam communication between the Island of Cape Breton and the railway on Newfoundland?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). That railway is not yet completed, as I understand.