

■ Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. After looking into the reports that I have for this work, I find that the damage is very great, that it would cost for the mere repairs a large sum of money, and a much larger one to put the work in such a condition as not to be exposed to the accidents that have occurred lately. Therefore, I am not in a position to give the hon. gentleman an answer immediately; but the matter is being considered by my Department, in order to see whether we shall go on with the ordinary repairs or shall go into a new work altogether.

#### EXECUTION OF LOUIS RIEL.

Mr. AMYOT asked, Was there, before the execution of Riel, any document, report, memorandum or writing laid before the Executive Council, by any of the Ministers, against the execution, or in favor of mercy; and, if there was, 1. By whom? 2. At what date? 3. Will it be laid before the House? 4. And when?

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). Documents and writings were from time to time laid before the Council, through the usual channel, the Secretary of State. They have been laid before the House.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1883.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to pay in full the commissioners and inspectors appointed under the Liquor License Act, 1883? If so, when?

Mr. COSTIGAN. Parliament will be asked to vote money to pay all sums actually due to these officers.

#### FEEs PAID UNDER LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1883.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE asked, Whether the Government intend to reimburse parties who paid a fee under Section 16 of the Liquor License Act, 1883?

Mr. COSTIGAN. I beg to state that Parliament will be asked to vote money to meet all such claims for refund as may be properly established.

#### RAILWAY ROUTES IN CAPE BRETON.

Mr. CAMPBELL (Victoria) asked, When will the Engineers' reports on the different railroad routes surveyed last year through the Island of Cape Breton be laid on the Table of the House of Commons?

Mr. POPE. The reports will be laid before the House as soon as they are received from the different engineers.

#### EXPLORATION OF HUDSON'S BAY.

Mr. ROSS asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to again send out to Hudson's Bay, during the coming season, a sailing vessel with weak auxiliary power, as last season, or a strong steam vessel; and whom it is proposed to send out in charge of the expedition? Whether, in addition to bringing home the parties now stationed in Hudson's Straits, any attempt is to be made to add to our knowledge of the geography and resources of the northern parts of Hudson's Bay?

Mr. FOSTER. In answer to the hon. gentleman, I would say that it is the intention of the Government to send out to Hudson's Bay during the coming season the steamer *Alert*, the same that was sent out last year, which is considered one of the best vessels for that purpose in the United States, Great Britain, or Canada. Lieutenant Gordon is still in charge, as last year. Whether another winter's observations will be carried out is a question yet under the consideration of the Government. Lieutenant  
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Gordon will be asked to gather all possible knowledge of the geography and resources of all parts of Hudson's Bay, as far as he can, considering the nature of the expedition which he is carrying out.

#### NATIONAL PARKS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mr. ROSS asked, Is it the intention of the Government to establish one or more National Parks along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the North-West Territories or British Columbia; and if so, what will be their extent?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). It is the intention of the Government to do so, but the points at which these parks are to be reserved and laid out, and their extent, have not yet been finally decided upon.

#### CHURCHILL AND NELSON RIVERS SURVEYS.

Mr. ROSS asked, Is it the intention of the Government to publish a Map showing the surveys of the Churchill and Nelson Rivers described in the report of the Geological Survey for 1879, as well as all that is known of the geography of the adjacent regions? If so, how soon?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). A map of the Nelson River and the boat route between Lake Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay, including an enlarged plan of Hayes River and vicinity of York Factory, was published in the Geological Report for 1877-78. Part of the explorations referred to in Dr. Bell's report of 1879 (Geol. Report, 1878-79) have not yet been published. A manuscript map embracing these surveys is in a state of partial preparation, and it is intended to complete and publish this as soon as the pressure of other work in the office will admit. I may say that, in completing this map for publication, it will now be necessary to take into consideration the instrumental survey of the Nelson River by Mr. Klotz, D.L.S.

#### EXPLORATION OF THE YUKON.

Mr. ROSS asked, Is it the intention of the Government to make an exploration or a geological survey of the upper waters of the Yukon, in the North-West Territories?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). It is not at present contemplated to make any exploration or geological survey of the upper waters of the Yukon.

#### CUSTOMS OFFICE ON THE YUKON.

Mr. ROSS asked, Do the Government intend to establish a Customs Office at Yukon?

Mr. BOWELL. Enquiry will be made as to the necessity of an officer there, and if it is in the interest of the Revenue, one will be placed there.

#### PETITIONS FOR THE HANGING OF LOUIS RIEL

Mr. AMYOT asked, Whether, in addition to the documents asking for the hanging of Riel, found in the Department of the Secretary of State and laid before this House, the Government, or any of its members, received any petitions, letters, telegrams or documents asking that Riel should not be pardoned, or that his sentence should not be commuted, or that he should be hanged, or anything in that sense? If so, will the said documents be laid before the House, and when?

Mr. THOMPSON (Antigonish). All the documents of that character, which were laid before the Government, have been brought down.

#### LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, What is the amount due the Province of Ontario out of the Land Improvement Fund?