

## MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

The following Motions for Returns were severally agreed to:—

Copies of the Order in Council dismissing Mr. Octave C. de la Chevretière from his position as keeper of a light-house situated in the parish of Lotbinière, in the county of Lotbinière, and of all complaints, petitions or reports, in relation to such dismissal.—(Mr. Rioufret.)

Statement of the number of veterans of 1812 now surviving; of the number of veterans who have died since 1875, and of the number of widows of deceased veterans who have applied for assistance.—(Mr. Massue.)

Copies of the account rendered by Doctor Lebel, of St. Gervais, for attendance on an employé of the Intercolonial named Dionne, during last autumn; of the account of Doctor Renouf in the same case, and a Statement of the sums to them paid.—(Mr. Amyot.)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 4:30 o'clock p.m.) the House adjourned.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS,

MONDAY, 19th February, 1883.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

## REPORT.

The following Report was laid upon the Table:—

Statement of Expenditure of the Dominion Police, during the year 1882; in accordance with the Act 31 Victoria, chapter 73, section 6.—(Sir Hector Langevin.)

## KING'S COUNTY, P. E. I., ELECTION.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron). It is known, Mr. Speaker, that by law the Electoral District of King's County, Prince Edward Island, is entitled to send two members to this Parliament. By the act of the returning officer it appears that three members have been sent to serve in the present Parliament. As to one of the seats I understand there is no question about it, the hon. gentleman who occupies it having had a majority of 184 votes. As to the second seat, the returning officer has sent two members to fill it. It is undesirable that such a state of things should continue; both the members have taken the oath prescribed by law and their seats. It is desirable that all the papers connected with the question in the possession of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery should be submitted to Parliament, in order that Parliament may take such action in the matter as it may see fit. I, therefore, move:

That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House, to-morrow, with the Returns of the last Election for the Electoral District of King's County, P. E. I., together with the statements of the several Deputy Returning Officers, for the said Electoral District; and any documents used or required at such election, or which may have been transmitted to said Returning Officer by such Deputies.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman did not give notice that he intended to make this motion; but being a matter of privilege, I suppose the notice need not be given. I would, however, suggest that the motion be altered in such manner as to require the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to attend to-morrow.

Mr. CAMERON. I have no objection to the change, on the understanding, of course, that such papers as may require it are printed.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Such papers as are necessary will appear in the Votes and Proceedings.

Motion agreed to.

## CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honor to inform the House that I have received from His Honor Chief Justice Palmer, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to the Act of 1874, a judgment and report on the matter of the Controverted Election for the Electoral District of King's County, Prince Edward Island, by which Peter Adolphus McIntyre, Esq., is declared duly elected.

## BANK SHAREHOLDERS' LISTS RETURNS.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honor formally to lay before the House the lists of the shareholders of the Eastern Townships' Bank, the Merchants' Bank of Canada, the Union Bank of Lower Canada, and the Bank of Jacques Cartier, in compliance with the Act 34 Victoria, chapter 5, section 12.

## BILL INTRODUCED.

The following Bill was introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 16) for the incorporation of the Central Bank of Canada.—(Mr. Beatty.)

## PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES BILL.

Mr. WILLIAMS moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 17) to further amend the Act 37 Victoria, chapter 50, respecting Permanent Building Societies in Ontario.

Mr. BLAKE. Explain.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, as the law now stands, these Permanent Building Societies are only authorized to invest in debentures of municipal corporations and of school sections. My Bill is a very short one, and is simply intended to enable them to invest in the securities of other authorized corporations.

Mr. BLAKE. Of all corporations.

Mr. WILLIAMS. All other corporations.

Mr. BLAKE. All corporations.

Mr. WILLIAMS. All corporations. The Bill, I presume, will be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce, where it can be thoroughly discussed.

Bill read the first time.

## BILL STAMPS.

Mr. IVES enquired, Whether bill stamps can now be obtained for the purpose of stamping notes or bills made before the repeal of the law requiring them to be affixed; and if so, from whom?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Mr. Speaker, on enquiry I find that there are some few bill stamps remaining on hand, and the question whether the Government can now legally issue them is before the Minister of Justice.

## DEPOT PROVISION.

Mr. CASGRAIN enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to build a depot of some description at Elgin Station on the Intercolonial Railway?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I may say, Mr. Speaker, that this matter is being considered.