

property of the Indians; and we can hardly expect the Indians, who are the owners of the land, to give up the whole of these islands for national park purposes; and it has been somewhat difficult, on that account, to arrive at a definite conclusion as to what to do in the matter; but, in the meantime, no new leases have been issued, I think, for over two years.

MR. JONES: I beg your pardon.

MR. MACKENZIE: Does the hon. gentleman say that there were new leases?

MR. JONES: Yes.

MR. MACKENZIE: There were leases reissued, even within the last year, to people who held them formerly.

MR. JONES: But new leases were issued.

MR. MACKENZIE: I think that none were issued during last year. I am almost certain of that; but, in some cases, leases were given to parties. I think that some were given to leading members of the Civil Service here for the very purpose of protecting the islands, they undertaking to protect the property from wanton destruction. At all events, there is no intention to lease them or sell them, if means by which they can be preserved and kept in their natural state can be found, excepting those, of course, which are capable of cultivation and of having artificial beauty imparted to them by cultivation. The policy of dealing with the Indians is a matter not finally determined upon, and that interposes a difficulty, which, I am sure the hon. gentleman will appreciate in connection with the preservation of the park features of the islands.

*Motion agreed to.*

#### COLLINGWOOD HARBOUR.

##### MOTION FOR PAPERS.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, for Mr. McCARTHY, moved for a copy of the Order or Orders in Council

"1. Relative to the agreement or terms upon which the grant was made and the money expended upon the new Breakwater and dredging at Collingwood Harbour in the Province of Ontario.

"2. The Order or Orders in Council directing the discontinuance of said works or either of them.

"3. The total amount expended on said work, distinguishing the sum paid for, or in connection with the Breakwater, from that (if any) expended on dredging.

"4. The amount or refund received from the town of Collingwood and the Northern Railway Company, respectively, and the amount (if any) now on hand, to the credit of the said town or the said railway company on account of such work or works.

"5. The petitions from the town of Collingwood or from the inhabitants thereof, or from others, praying for the completion of the said works, to the hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, or the hon. the Minister of Public Works.

"6. All reports of the engineers of the Department of Public Works, as to the probable cost of the said works, the progress made thereon, the probable cost of completing the same, and especially the report or reports of the inspections made during the years 1874 and 1877.

"7. All correspondence between the authorities of the corporation of the said town and the Department of Public Works, relating to the alleged non-fulfilment of the agreement to do the dredging of the said harbour."

*Motion agreed to.*

#### RIDEAU HALL.

##### MOTION FOR STATEMENT.

MR. FARROW, for MR. MITCHELL, moved for a statement showing the total amount expended annually for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877, for the following purposes, viz:—

"1. Additions to and repairs to Rideau Hall.

"2. Upon grounds, out-buildings and erections connected therewith.

"3. Upon water-works, gas and fuel.

"4. Furniture of all kinds.

"5. Travelling expenses of the Governor-General and suite.

"6. Amount of telegraph account.

"7. Also all and any other expenditures that may have been made from the Public Treasury for and in connection with Rideau Hall during said years."

MR. MACKENZIE: Of course the hon. gentleman and the House are entitled, if they choose, to order these expenditures. It will be observed that the statement commences with the year 1872, and comes down to the present time. The intention is quite manifest; and all I have to say is that the House formerly refused, at the request of the Government, to detail travelling