

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The hon. gentleman knows that, in England, the amount received is small. I think the total is £60. That is not used by Government, but invested, and under such circumstances but little risk can arise. We are receiving enormous sums, and paying certainly 33, probably 50, per cent. more than would be given for money at all anywhere else. I do not object to the Government continuing an allowance, even more than the money is worth, perhaps, to that particular class of depositors who may fairly come under the head of comparatively poor depositors—call them poor men if you like—I mean workingmen. I would suggest that the hon. gentleman restricts to a moderate sum the amounts that can be received hereafter, and he will go far to ward off a considerable danger, but he will run a danger, I think, if he persists in receiving moneys at rates much in excess of those which the banks can afford to pay. Now, in the post office savings bank department, although most of these deposits were made some time ago, sums as high as \$16,000 and even \$19,000 have been received, largely, no doubt, from some public or private institutions. In the case of private persons we know how easy it is for a man to make a deposit in the name of some friend of a sum equal to the maximum amount that may be received. Therefore, I suggest that the hon. gentleman would do well for future deposits to affix a strict rule, and in those cases where the sums exceed the limit, not allow more than the current bank rates.

Canadian Pacific Railway—British Columbia.. \$200,000 00

Mr. MULOCK. The hon. Minister of Finance promised to give us a copy of the reports of the arbitrators with reference to this rolling stock.

Mr. BLAKE. We want a copy of that document concerning the rolling stock which was in use.

Mr. POPE. I have a copy of the rolling stock as it was appraised by Messrs. Heney, Reed & Clark, all of them mechanical engineers. The amount was \$199,535.

Mr. MULOCK. When was that matter referred to the arbitrators?

Mr. POPE. They appraised this when the work was completed, on the 1st July last. They went to British Columbia and inspected the stock. I cannot state exactly when the award was sent in.

Mr. MULOCK. The award values the property at about three times its value.

Mr. POPE. No, not as high as that, but I think they did put it pretty high. My impression is that it is more than we can get for it, but still, you must remember that it cost a great deal to get that stock into that country.

Mr. BLAKE. As well as I can judge from the enquiries I have made since this paper was laid upon the Table, and from what little knowledge I obtained before, I should say that this was a high valuation for these articles when they were new, and it is worth somewhere about three times their present value. I would like to know when these three gentlemen went to that country, and when they made this award.

Mr. POPE. It was during last season that they went to that country, in the autumn, if I remember rightly.

Mr. BLAKE. Was it this year that the award was made?

Mr. POPE. Yes, during the present year.

Mr. BLAKE. Did any Order in Council for payment of the award pass?

Mr. POPE. The amount has not been paid.

Mr. McLELLAN.

Mr. BLAKE. Did any Order in Council pass for the payment?

Mr. POPE. I think so.

Mr. BLAKE. About what time?

Mr. POPE. I could not say.

Mr. BLAKE. Were there any negotiations with Mr. Onderdonk for the purpose of arriving at an amicable settlement without obtaining an award?

Mr. POPE. I had some talk with Mr. Onderdonk, and I found he thought the rolling stock so much more valuable than I did that I considered we could not go any further.

Mr. BLAKE. Surely Mr. Onderdonk presented a claim of what he thought the rolling stock worth before you went on to appraise the value.

Mr. POPE. I do not think he presented any figures.

Mr. BLAKE. But you thought from his conversation that his figures were too high. Were they much more than this sum?

Mr. POPE. A good deal more.

Mr. BLAKE. Probably a quarter of a million.

Mr. POPE. About \$300,000.

Mr. BLAKE. And the Minister thought that he would do well in getting off for \$200,000?

Mr. POPE. I think the figure is a high one; but the matter was left to those gentlemen who made the award, and I had no alternative in the matter.

Mr. MULOCK. Did they distinguish the value of the rolling stock and the cost of placing it where it then was?

Mr. POPE. They gave the award.

Payment to Father Lacombe \$1,000 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Will the hon. gentleman place the documents on the Table of the House?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This payment is for the special services which Father Lacombe rendered with the Blackfeet and Piegan Indians. He has great influence with those Indians, and he was specially asked by the Government to devote himself to this service, a service then of considerable danger even to himself. We were only too glad to obtain his services. His services were very valuable, as will be understood from the orderly character of those warlike tribes during the rebellion.

Railways and Canals..... \$31,853 49

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. With reference to this refund to Mr. John Heney of canal tolls and wharfage, I understand that this was a rebate for goods which were delivered under contract which he obtained by tender.

Mr. COSTIGAN. Yes.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. It appears to me that it is indefensible, after a number of parties tender for a contract on which they all suppose that the tolls and wharfage would have to be paid, for one man to get a sum of nearly \$4,000 after a considerable lapse of time. On what ground was it paid?

Mr. COSTIGAN. The ground upon which this claim was preferred against the present as well as the late Government was, that in 1873 an Order in Council was passed to refund the amounts paid in tolls or wharfage. Some \$3,000 or \$9,000 was paid under that Order in Council.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What date?

Mr. COSTIGAN. It was in 1873, but I could not say what month.