

a similar nature to that for which I have asked, but in 1872 a similar motion was made. The returns were, however, not brought down, owing, I suppose, to the lateness of the Session. In 1857, a return was laid before the House of a sale made in Toronto of lands from which a sum was realized a little short of \$100,000. The conditions I have mentioned certainly did give rise to the inference that the lands were acquired upon these terms, and I think there was an understanding at the time of Confederation by which those terms were not only ratified, but carried still farther. When these returns come down I think we shall be able to judge whether the Government of that day and the Governments that succeeded it have fulfilled the conditions upon which this valuable property came into their hands. In fact the history of these lands is almost the history of our transactions with the Imperial Government at the various stages by which we have risen to our present position. In 1856, a portion of these lands thus held were reserved for military purposes, because the Imperial Government then maintained garrisons at Quebec, Montreal and other places. Subsequent to Confederation these lands, which were then vested in the Imperial Government, were entirely made over to this country, because at that time we undertook our own defence. So that at every successive stage of these negotiations the responsibility has increased, and for that reason we are still more strongly bound to see that that understanding has been properly carried out.

Motion agreed to.

#### COLONIZATION LANDS.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron), in the absence of Mr. CHARLTON, moved for a return showing the total number of applications for land for colonization under Plan Number One of the Land Regulations of December 23rd, 1881, up to January 1st, 1883, with the names of the applicants, the date of applications, and the quantity of land in each case applied for; also, for a return showing the total number of applications for land for colonization under Plan Number Two of the Land Regulations, of December 23rd, 1881, up to January 1st, 1883, with the names of the applicants, the date of application, and the quantity of land in each case applied for.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I do not object to this motion, nor do I object to the other motions of the same hon. gentleman which I see upon the paper. At the same time, I must say that the expense and labor involved in the preparation of these returns will be enormous, and I suppose the hon. member must take the responsibility of the expense in asking for them.

Mr. BLAKE. I suppose they are worth the money or the hon. gentleman would not request the returns.

Motion agreed to.

#### MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

The following Motions for Returns were severally agreed to:—

Return showing the total number of applications for land for colonization under Plan Number One of the Land Regulations issued by the Department of the Interior, December 23rd, 1881, where conditions have been complied with, and grants made, or applications agreed to; together with the names of the parties to whom such grants have issued, or whose applications have been agreed to, the date of such application, the quantity of land granted to each applicant, and the location of the same, the amount of money received and the total amount of land granted, up to January 1st, 1883.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return showing the total number of applications for land for colonization under Plan Number One of the Land

Regulations of December 23rd, 1881, where conditions of payment have not been met, and where an extension of time has been granted, with name of applicant, date of application, date of extension, period of extension, location of land applied for, quantity of land in each case applied for, total quantities of land for which such extensions of time have been granted, total amount of money to be received upon the same and total amount of first instalment paid, or payable upon the same.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return giving copies of all regulations issued by the Department of the Interior concerning the management or sale of agricultural lands, mineral lands, timber lands, pasture lands, and town sites, since December 23rd, 1881.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return showing the total number of acres of public lands surveyed in Keewatin, Manitoba, and the North-West Territory, during the year 1882, and the cost per acre of such survey; also, a Return showing the total number of acres of public land previously surveyed and the cost per acre of such survey.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return showing the total number of acres of public land sold during the year 1882, the number of parties to whom such sales were made, the average price received and the total amount received from sales.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Return giving every form of patent arrangement, or agreement between Companies and the Government in regard to Colonization grants, the date of issue in each case of such document, the name of the Company entering into the agreement, and the character of the agreement in each case entered into.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Correspondence in reference to the removal to Richmond, Halifax, of William D. McCallum, Chief Train Despatcher at Truro, covering a period extending from the 1st day of September, 1881, to 7th December, 1881. 2. All correspondence from 7th December, 1881, to 25th March, 1882, touching his removal to Truro, N. S., and being offered an inferior position, and the recommendations upon which the same was decided upon. 3. All correspondence from 25th March, 1882, to date of his final dismissal on 5th September, 1882, and subsequently, if any. 4. All correspondence from James Coleman, Superintendent at Truro, touching the promotion, dismissal, or degradation of the said W. D. McCallum, and also the correspondence of others to D. Pottinger, Esq., Chief Superintendent at Moncton, correspondence touching the same to Sir S. L. Tilley, correspondence from D. Pottinger, Esq., to C. Schreiber, correspondence from C. Schreiber and others to Sir Charles Tupper, all in reference to the same. All recommendations and reports from any persons touching the dismissal or degradation of the said W. D. McCallum to the various Heads of Departments. The reports of all investigations touching the same.—(Mr. Forbes.)

Statement containing the names and residence of all the Militiamen of 1812 who received their pensions during the last fiscal year—as well as the sum given to each of them.—(Mr. Bourassa.)

#### STATE OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

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

Mr. BLAKE. Before the motion is carried I wish to point out to my hon. friend that, although we allowed the Address to pass with great rapidity in order that public business might be expedited, none of the Government measures have been brought forward in this House, though I observe that in the other Chamber the Government, with commendable diligence, have submitted two or three measures. When may we expect the Franchise Bill and the License Bill to be brought down? The Standing Committees were struck some days ago, but we have not received any call for organization, and during this time of