

West Territories. He said: I hope the House will permit me to alter the title of the Bill. The title here is rather more descriptive of the Bill than I intended. The title is "An Act respecting Local Government in the North-West Territories."

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain.

Mr. DAVIN. Some hon. gentlemen desire that I should explain. I do not know that there is anything to explain. I may say this, that we want complete representative government, but not full representative government.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. CHARLTON asked, What was the gross public debt of Canada on April 1st, 1887; also, the net public debt, April 1st, 1887?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The gross debt on the 31st March, 1887, was \$270,340,146.80. The net debt on the same date was \$225,865,831.09.

#### LIABILITIES FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, What is the total amount of liabilities for subsidies to Railways and other purposes under existing Statutes?

Mr. POPE. I would ask my hon. friend to let that stand, as it will take a little time to get that up.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I would be glad if the hon. Minister of Railways would call the attention of his Department to it, and get it in two or three days. These statements are all statutory, so there should not be much difficulty about them. I also beg to enquire of the Minister of Finance, or whatever other Minister it concerns, what is the estimated amount required to complete public works now in progress chargeable to capital?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The estimated amount required to complete public works now in progress chargeable to capital is \$594,000.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. That is for the current year, I suppose?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. If the hon. gentleman wants the details I can give them now. There is \$124,000 for Cape Tormentine, and then there are the other works; \$300,000 for the new public buildings here, and the rest for smaller works.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Does that include the Welland Canal appropriation?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. No; that is not in my Department.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The hon. gentleman will see that my question goes a good deal further. It refers to all public works now in progress chargeable to capital, which would include all the expenditure on canals, &c.

Mr. POPE. I will give that.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Can you give it now?

Mr. POPE. No.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The hon. gentleman will understand that what I want to get at is a rough estimate of the sum total which it is expected to expend on the Welland Canal and on similar works of magnitude in which we are engaged.

Mr. POPE. It must be a rough estimate, especially in regard to the railways, because subsidies are granted and in a good many cases are expired or are not called for.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. If they are expired you can deduct it.

Mr. POPE. Yes.

#### NORTH-WEST LAND SALES.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, What sums have been received for the sale of lands in Manitoba and the North-West Territories during the ordinary year 1886? How much from the 1st January, 1887, to the 1st April, 1887?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). The revenue received was for homesteads, pre-emptions and sales, \$509,341.71; for leases, \$136,618.29. The revenue from sales for the present year, from the 1st January to the 1st April, was for homesteads, pre-emptions and sales, \$93,873.81, and for leases, &c., \$26,179.66.

#### MANITOBA WHITE POPULATION.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, What is the actual resident white population of Manitoba, according to the recent census?

Mr. CARLING. According to the recent census in Manitoba, the white population was 95,455.

#### BOURINOT'S PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

Mr. PRÉFONTAINE asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to furnish to the new members of this House, copies of M. Bourinot's work on Parliamentary Procedure?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. It is not.

#### CLOTH SUPPLIED TO PENITENTIARIES.

Mr. BAKER asked, What is the contract price or prices per yard paid by the Government for white flannel and brown and yellow cloth supplied the Penitentiaries of the Dominion; the name or names of the contractor or contractors, duration of contract or contracts, and date and expiry of same?

Mr. THOMPSON. At Kingston Penitentiary the price paid for white flannel is 44½ cents per yard; brown and yellow cloth, 48 cents. Mr. John Lazier has two contracts which expire on the 30th June next. At the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, 40 cents per yard is paid for white flannel, and 50 cents for brown and yellow cloth. Lamallice Bros., Montreal, have the contract, which expires on the 30th June next. At the Dorchester Penitentiary the price paid for white flannel is 48 cents per yard, and for brown and yellow cloth 64 cents. Thomas R. Jones, St. John, has the contract, which expires on the 30th June next. At the British Columbia Penitentiary, cloth and flannel is not furnished by contract. The white flannel was furnished by Messrs. Lamallice Bros., the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary contractors, at 53 cents per yard. No brown or yellow cloth was furnished this year (fiscal year) to this penitentiary. In 1885-86 this cloth was supplied by the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary at 74½ cents per yard. It was furnished by the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary owing to the fact that the cloth was wanted in a hurry and before it could be procured by Lamallice Bros. At the Manitoba Penitentiary, 60 cents per yard is paid for white flannel and 44 cents for brown and yellow cloth. The Hudson Bay Company have the contract, which expires the 30th June next.

#### FLOODS ON THE RIDEAU RIVER.

Mr. EDWARDS asked, Have the Government taken any steps to enquire into the causes of the floods on the