

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I wish the hon. gentleman would talk to the question before the Chair.

Mr. LANDERKIN. The editor of the *Citizen* has a grand conception of the Farnham post office, and it appears he performed craniotomy on the head of the hon. member for Assiniboia and saw his speech before it was delivered and reported fully in the *Citizen*.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Question.

Mr. LANDERKIN. It was a serious question. Happily for the country, Farnham has grown a little. It is a most unfortunate thing that the member for Assiniboia did not speak there, because the revenue would have increased and the population would have increased if he had been there.

Motion that Committee rise negatived: Yeas, 8; nays, 37.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved that the item for West Farnham post office be reduced from \$4,000 to \$10.

[The debate was continued by Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT, Mr. LANDERKIN, Mr. DEVLIN, Mr. DAWSON, Mr. MILLS (Bothwell), Mr. CHARLTON, Mr. CAMPBELL and Mr. CHOQUETTE.]

Motion of Sir Richard Cartwright negatived.

Committee rose and reported resolutions.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 10 a.m. (Friday).

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 20th May, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows:—

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, further papers respecting the enforcement by the Newfoundland authorities against Canadian fishing vessels of the Newfoundland Act respecting the sale of bait to foreign vessels.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 20th May, 1892.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows:—

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, the report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the working of the Civil Service Act, and other matters connected with the Civil Service generally.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 20th May, 1892.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election and return of William Findlay Maclean, Esq., for the electoral district of the east riding of the County of York, Ont.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

WILLIAM F. MACLEAN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of East York; introduced by Mr. Dickey and Mr. Macdonald (Winnipeg).

SUPPLY.

House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Orillia Public Building..... \$5,000

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Will the Minister of Public Works please state the details of this case?

Mr. OUIMET. This vote of \$5,000 is required to carry out works during the fiscal year 1892-93, on the projected public building in Orillia, for post office, customs and inland revenue purposes. The total cost is estimated at \$19,600, exclusive of the site which has been presented to the Government by the corporation of Orillia. Orillia is a very important town, and the headquarters of the weights and measures inspection district, the inspector residing there. The exports are quite large. The population in 1871 was 1,322; in 1881, 2,911; in 1891, 4,752. The postal revenue was \$7,907. The amount of money orders issued and paid last year was \$55,000, and the amount of savings bank deposits \$26,362.

Mr. MULOCK. Has this work been commenced?

Mr. OUIMET. The work is now under contract, and the name of the contractor is J. R. Legion. The amount of the contract is \$10,000; that is, for the foundation, the walls, the flooring and the roof, in fact, the complete building with the exception of the furniture and fittings.

Mr. MULOCK. The hon. gentleman will see that he is getting in the town of Orillia a public building which is going to serve the several branches of the post office, customs, inland revenue and weights and measures services at a cost of \$19,000. Consider what the country is getting for this against the sum spent for a building at Laprairie where the receipts are only \$400. No greater condemnation of the acts which the Minister is recommending to this House could be offered than the resolution now before us.

Mr. OUIMET. I rise to a question of order. I think I have borne heavily enough the punishment of all the misdeeds with which I have been reproached during the whole of last night and this morning until ten o'clock, and I think it will be only fair not to return to the same style of discussion or to discuss the items which have been passed.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The hon. gentleman misunderstands. My hon. friend was pointing out just now that there were really fair reasons for this vote, and although it is not often that we are able to commend the expenditures of the hon. gentleman, we really propose to help him to pass this one with all the good-will in the world.

Mr. MULOCK. The hon. Minister quite misapprehended the drift of my argument. I would like to point out, inasmuch as he announced himself as so highly in favour of equal rights, that if he had applied that principle to the Estimates, he would have had a vote of \$272,000 for the