

letter, by some means or other, was not presented to the Department until some time in May. It was sent by Mr. Bodwell, Superintendent of the canal, accompanied by a letter directing the attention of the Department to Mr. Smith's dismissal. On that report and letter of petition, the following words were endorsed:— "Will attend to this when I visit the Canal. Signed, A. M." No doubt those initials referred to the Minister of Public Works. Up to the present, no action had been taken. Immediately after that telegram, a gentleman in the interest of hon. gentlemen opposite was appointed to take his place. He had no objection to any Government dismissing a man for proper cause, but objected to any Government dismissing a man for political reasons. He did not believe altogether in the doctrine that to the victor belonged the spoils. No public servant should be dismissed unless for good cause. He believed Mr. Smith was a faithful servant, the best guarantee of which was that a petition had been sent to the Department, signed by the leading gentlemen of his constituency, and the two whom he had defeated the last two years. An investigation was refused Mr. Smith, and he asked the hon. gentlemen on the Treasury Benches to take action to have an investigation made, and, if it were proved that Mr. Smith was dismissed for election purposes, to have him restored to his position.

Motion agreed to.

RIVIERE DU LOUP BRANCH G. T. R.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. Fiset moved for copies of correspondence between the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, in the matter of the purchase or lease by the Government of that portion of the Railway between Rivière du Loup and Pointe Lévis.

MR. TUPPER asked the hon. gentleman to withdraw the motion until the correspondence, which was now in progress, was concluded.

Motion, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAYS AND CANALS.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. CARTWRIGHT moved for a return of the total amount expended up to the 1st day of January, 1879, on the enlargement of the Welland Canal; on the Lachine Canal; on the Pacific Railway and the Survey thereof; on the section of the Pacific Railway extending from Thunder Bay to Selkirk; and also a statement of the sums further required from the first January, 1879, to be expended to complete the Welland Canal, the Lachine Canal, and the section of the Pacific Railway extending from Thunder Bay to Selkirk, as estimated by Department of Public Works.

MR. TUPPER said he had no objection to furnishing the information which would be of convenience to members when the discussion came up.

Motion agreed to.

CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS IN TORONTO.

MOTION FOR NAMES OF PERSONS.

MR. ROBINSON moved for copies of names of all persons appointed in the Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Custom House in the City of Toronto, between 4th November, 1873, and 10th October, 1878; the dates of such appointments; their salaries when appointed and whether increased during the above periods, and, if so, the amount of such increase.

Motion agreed to.

House adjourned at
Fifteen minutes after
Four o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, 20th February, 1879.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT PRESENTED.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report