

will be considered in connection with the Supplementary Estimates.

In reply to MR. RYAN (Marquette),

MR. LANGEVIN: The grant of last year for this work has been all expended.

MR. SCHULTZ: It is intended, I believe, to improve the navigation of the mouth of the channel of the Red River, to the harbour. To make it useful, to any great extent, it will be necessary to cut a very narrow bar at the mouth of the stream. I hope, in view of its very great usefulness, and in the likelihood of a larger craft being put on the lake, the Government will put in the Estimates a small item for the purpose of dredging the bar at the mouth of that channel.

MR. LANGEVIN: I think \$5,000 would do the work, amply, or possibly less.

MR. SMITH (Selkirk): I believe that a comparatively small sum spent on the improvement of the Saskatchewan would enable vessels to navigate it a large part of the season. At one place the removal of twenty or twenty-five boulders would greatly help navigation. Other improvements are required about the Grand Rapids. If obstructions from the Sturgeon Lake upwards were removed, a great impetus would be given navigation. The improvement of the Saskatchewan and Assiniboine would give you a great highway into the country, for a very considerable portion of the year.

Vote agreed to.

124 British Columbia.....	\$3,000
125 Dredging	114,000

In reply to Mr. KING,

MR. LANGEVIN said that the item of \$42,000 for dredges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, was for works continued last summer in those Provinces, at the special request of the Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick. This year the Government was not in a position to say how much work would be done the coming season. Several applications for the dredges had been made, but no decision came to yet.

Vote agreed to.

House adjourned at

Twenty-five minutes before

One o'clock.

MR. LANGEVIN.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 14th April, 1880.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

RAILWAYS—PROTECTION TO BRAKEMEN.

QUESTION.

MR. HESSON enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government, either in the construction of new freight cars, or in the alteration of those now in use, to carry out the valuable suggestions recently made by men of long experience in the running of railway trains, and so make better provision for and afford greater protection to the persons and lives of brakemen and other employes on railways under their management.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: This matter is now engaging the serious attention of the hon. the Minister of Railways. He has a great many suggestions and applications which are under the consideration of the professional staff in his Department.

SANDFORD FLEMING.

QUESTION.

MR. CHARLTON enquired, Has it been determined by the Government to send Mr. Sandford Fleming to British Columbia; and, if so, for what purpose?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: The Government have come to no determination in the matter.

MARINE AND FISHERIES—COST OF REPORT.

QUESTION.

MR. TASSÉ enquired, What was the expenditure incurred for the publication of the Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the years 1877 and 1878, respectively? What amount of saving, if any, has the Government effected in the publication of the Report for 1879?

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.): This information is procurable at the office of the accountant of the House of Commons. Application for it has been made, but I have not yet received the return. I may, if asked for it, be able to give the information to-morrow. As to the account for the present year, it is not made up, but a very large saving has been effected,