

make a claim to-day if you think you have been underpaid for a number of years, and Parliament may allow you a grant of \$1,000.

323. Inspection of Petroleum—To payment to Martin Battle for extra services performed by him for the six years preceding 1st July, 1882, in connection with the establishing of an uniform method of inspecting petroleum.....\$400.00

Mr. COSTIGAN. Mr. Battle was a collector of Inland Revenue at Ottawa. He was employed for several years by Mr. Brunel to assist him in perfecting the mode of inspecting the oil, and Mr. Battle rendered valuable services in that direction. The claim would have been settled long ago only that Mr. Battle always insisted that he was entitled to \$100 for each year that he had done this extra work.

334. Public Works—Maintenance and Repairs: Telegraphic lines, British Columbia.....\$3,000.00

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The service has only been for the daytime, and as there was no communication at night for the convenience of the press and business men, petitions and letters were forwarded to me asking for a night service.

Mr. BLAKE. This will add \$5,000 a year to the cost? How does this service work?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The revenue is \$33,000, instead of \$1,000 or \$5,000 as it was a few years ago. The lines have all been put in good order, and they do not require a large amount to keep them up. The salaries are larger, of course, because the number of stations is greater. But we expect that the service will be self-sustaining before very long.

Mr. BLAKE. I think the hon. gentleman should consider, though, of course, not in a close or churlish way, whether there is a reasonable ground for continuing this night service.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. It is my intention to do so.

345. Dominion Lands—Chargeable to Capital..... \$150,000.00

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I took a vote in the Estimates of 1883-84, and this is for surveys up to the 1st of July. I may say that the date of making up the estimates for this service depend entirely on the time surveyors reach the scene of their operation, and, as I stated to the House the other night, this promises to be an exceptionally favorable season in that respect.

346. Unprovided Items.....\$542,992.32

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex). There are so many items in this aggregate that perhaps the hon. gentleman will allow us to discuss them fully on Concurrence if the vote passes now.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes.

THE ORANGE DEMONSTRATION—EXPUNGING FROM THE DEBATES.

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

Mr. CASGRAIN. Before you adjourn the House, I desire to call your attention to an incident which took place this afternoon. The hon. member for Montmagny (Mr. Landry), contrary to your ruling, continued to read to the House some newspaper extracts which, I think, would have been better left aside altogether. As his address was not concluded with a motion, I think the whole matter, which may not appear in our Journals, but which may appear in the *Hansard*, ought not to appear at all. I think that your ruling ought to be followed, because if the hon. member for Montmagny did not make a motion, I think the subject to which he drew your attention ought to be dropped, and ought not to appear at all.

Mr. DALY. I think, in justice to the hon. member for East Hastings (Mr. White), who may have desired to make some explanation of the report read in this House, that the suggestion my hon. friend has just made should be listened to. It is quite possible that the report which was read was not an accurate report of what was said, and no opportunity was given for the explanation which I really hoped the hon. member for East Hastings would have been able to give. I believe, in justice to that hon. gentleman, that the proceedings should not form any part of the Debates of this House.

Mr. BLAKE. It is quite impossible that you, Mr. Speaker, can give any direction to the reporters what shall or shall not appear in the *Hansard*. The *Hansard* is a report of what is said in this House. We may use disorderly expressions; but what has been said must be left there. A motion made may be removed from the Journals of the House, though the formal expunction of a motion from the Journals is very rarely done. I remember one case in the Senate of the United States, where they were about twenty years at the task, and one in England, in which a motion of Sir Robert Peel was removed at the instance of Mr. Cobden; but I do not know of any others. But to expunge the report of those proceedings from the *Hansard* is out of the question. I think it must remain there, although I am very sorry for it.

Mr. SPEAKER. Without some direction from the House, I cannot take action.

Motion agreed to; and (at 2 35 o'clock a.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

TUESDAY, 15th May, 1883.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

ST. JOHN BRIDGE AND RAILWAY EXTENSION COMPANY.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved that the House, to-morrow, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to advance to the St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Company from time to time as the work of constructing the undertaking of the company progresses, as certified by the Chief Engineer of Government Railways, sums of money by way of loan not exceeding 80 per cent. of the amount expended for such construction, and not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$100,000, such loan to be subject to the following conditions: The company to pay interest annually on the amounts advanced at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and to execute a deed of mortgage to the Crown constituting the loan hereby authorized a first charge upon the undertaking; the company to be entitled to pay off the loan with interest at any time within fifteen years from the making of the first advance; the Governor in Council to have power within five years from the same date to assume possession of the undertaking, on payment including advances already made and interest thereon, of the sum expended, and 10 per cent. in addition thereto; and also to assume such possession in the event of the Company failing to carry out the undertaking as provided by their charter, on payment to the Company of the difference between the amount advanced and interest and 80 per cent. of the outlay on the works when the same are assumed by the Governor in Council.

Mr. BLAKE. Explain.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The resolution explains itself. I will go into particulars when it comes up for consideration.

Mr. BLAKE. I am sorry the hon. gentleman does not offer some explanation of this resolution. Of course, the