

VALUABLES TRANSMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DELORME (Saint-Hyacinthe) asked whether it was the intention of the Government to propose to the Government of the United States some arrangement for the transmission by Post of all sums of money or other valuables forwarded from the United States to Canada, and vice versa.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS replied in the negative. The Customs laws would render it quite impracticable.

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RECIPROCITY WITH THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DELORME (Saint-Hyacinthe) then enquired whether it was the intention of the Government to take new measures for the purpose of placing on a more satisfactory footing the commercial relations existing between the United States and Canada.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS replied in the negative.

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REMUNERATION OF REVENUE INSPECTORS

Mr. STEPHENSON asked whether it was the intention of the Government during the present Session to make any alteration in the existing mode of remunerating Inspectors and other officers of the Inland Revenue Service, by paying them only a fixed salary, and compelling them to fund all the receipts arising from seizures made by them.

Hon. Mr. MORRIS stated the Government had decided that, as the Inspectors of Inland Revenue were a class by themselves, and were called upon to perform quasi judicial functions, they should not, after the current fiscal year, be entitled to the proceeds of seizure. With regard to subordinate officers, they would still participate in the value of seizures, and would be allowed to do so as an incentive to the energetic performance of their duties. At the present time the seizures were paid into the Receiver General's Department, and distributed under an order in Council, and not by officers themselves.

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THE PACIFIC RAILWAY

Mr. De COSMOS asked whether it was the intention of the Government to cause the country between Johnstone Strait and Chilcotin Plains to be thoroughly explored this year, with the object of deciding a practicable route by which the proposed Canadian Pacific Railway might be extended to Victoria.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN answered in the affirmative

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INCREASED POWERS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. CURRIER asked whether it was the intention of the Government to bring down during the present session a measure empowering municipalities to prevent or regulate booths, either floating or on the ice, for the purpose of selling intoxicating liquors without a license, the depositing of fish, etc., upon the ice, of rivers bordering on or passing through them.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD replied in the negative.

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FORTIFICATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. De COSMOS asked whether it was the intention of the Government to construct fortifications to command the approaches to Victoria, British Columbia.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER replied in the negative and added that for obvious reasons the question had not yet been considered by Government and there had been no appropriation for that purpose.

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THE TREATY OF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE asked if the Premier was prepared to bring down the papers moved for in reference to the Washington Treaty but which had not yet been brought down.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: No, I am not.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Are they in course of preparation?

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: Some of them.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Some of these papers were promised yesterday.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: What papers?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: I moved for some myself, but they are not brought down yet. The Government proposes, after the discussion on the Budget speech, to proceed with the discussion on the Treaty; we are not in a position to discuss it intelligently unless we have the papers.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: All the papers will be brought down that were moved for, as soon as they are ready.