

of last night with reference to the Governor-General's salary after the resolution was concurred in.

Sir J. A. Macdonald said it was not their intention to do so. It would be open, however, to any member of the House to introduce such a Bill.

Hon. Mr. Holton thought it very irregular to found a vote of the kind on an Act (the Civil Service Act) which as yet had no existence, and to carry through which no serious step had yet been taken.

Hon. Mr. Rose said if the Civil Service Bill now before the House did not pass, the vote would be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the existing Civil Service Act. The vote was not so large as the vote for the present year. It was \$30,000 less. This reduction he expected to effect by means of the Civil Service and Contingencies Act.

The item was agreed to.

On the item—addition to the salaries of certain judges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Sir John A. Macdonald said that it was improper that the item of the judges' salaries should come up annually. Hence a Bill was being prepared and would be introduced this session to fix the salaries.

Hon. Mr. Holton suggested that it might be better to take this item out of the estimates, and omit the discussion on the matter until the Government introduced the resolutions on which their promised Bill would be founded.

Sir G. E. Cartier advised settling this matter at once. It would certainly advance the discussion a stage.

The item passed.

On the item \$25,000 for frontier police.

Sir John A. Macdonald, in reply to Mr. Young, stated that the Government were creating a Dominion police force. The necessity for having such a body of men under control of the Government had been felt, and small forces were now stationed at Ottawa, Sarnia and elsewhere, under control of Mr. McMicken, Stipendiary Magistrate for Ontario. This force had nothing to do with the detective service, but was for frontier and

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international service, for the Dominion buildings, and for such other Dominion service as would be found necessary in the way of guarding police buildings.

Hon. Mr. Holdon inquired if it would not be necessary for Government to introduce a Bill on the subject.

Sir John A. Macdonald said it would.

Mr. Blake said in that case it would be better to drop the item from the estimates and deal with it when it came before the House in the measure to be brought down by Government.

Sir John A. Macdonald replied that he preferred the House should pass the item. It was more convenient at this stage to pass the items in the order in which they stood.

The item passed.

On the item, \$30,000 for harbour, river and Government police, Quebec and Montreal, there was a discussion—several members contending that as Montreal and Quebec derived very great benefits from the shipping, the people of those cities ought to bear this charge and not the Dominion.

The item, however, passed, and the remaining item under the head, Administration of Justice; also all the items under the head, Penitentiaries.

On the item for legislation,

Mr. Mackenzie said that there would be a discussion. He understood the Government to have taken charge of the Contingencies, but he had been told that recently the Speaker of the Senate had expended \$4,000 on some operations connected with the rooms in the Senate quarter of the public buildings—which expenditure had been unauthorized, it was said, by the Department of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said that the presiding officers of both Houses had, during the recess, represented to the department that several alterations should be made in the building, some of the applications had been sanctioned and others were not, but it was said that some of the alterations objected to would be entered on at the risk of the officer ordering them. In the other House extensive alterations, such as new kitchen ranges connected