

those who had passed the necessary examination. For about a month or six weeks, the Inspectors have a great deal more to do than they can possibly accomplish, and all the shipping is practically stopped, owing to the fact that these officers cannot possibly overtake the work they have to perform at the opening of navigation. Only two days ago we appointed two additional inspectors to assist the regular staff. I have no note of an inspector having been appointed for British Columbia; but inspectors in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces, receive \$1,000 a year and travelling expenses. I will make enquiries and ascertain what appointment has been made in British Columbia, and whether it was under the Steamboat Inspection Act, or the Act relating to the inspection of hulls.

Mr. BAKER. The members for British Columbia have already urged on the Minister of Marine the appointment of an inspector of hulls in addition to, or in connection with, the inspection of steam-engines and boilers. We had a disaster the other day, by which seventy or eighty lives were lost. It is no use locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen; and so we want to take time by the forelock and have the appointment made without delay.

Mr. DAWSON. This year many vessels have been sent up to the lakes which are very old, and are used at points where new lines have been established. It is very desirable that a change should be made next year, and that strict regulations should be enforced.

290. Lighthouse and Coast Service..... \$9,451.25

Mr. BOWELL. The House is aware that the lighthouse at Cape Race belongs to, and is maintained by, the British Government; but in order to prevent light dues being charged on vessels coming to the Dominion, this amount is required to provide for the payment of such dues. \$7,000 is required to pay the Montreal Harbor Commissioners for maintenance of buoys and beacons during the season of 1882. This is the second year in which this amount has been voted.

Mr. VAIL. Is this \$451 paid to the British Government.

Mr. BOWELL. Yes; and the other \$2,000 are expenses incurred in connection with the survey to which the attention of the House was called a few nights ago, on Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and other portions of water in the West.

Mr. BLAKE. What are those expenses?

Mr. BOWELL. I only know that \$2,000 are required to cover them for the current year.

Mr. BLAKE. They must have been incurred already.

Mr. BOWELL. Yes, by vessels. I will give the particulars on Concurrence.

291. Indians—New Brunswick: To compensate the Rev. Mr. Bannon for services rendered to the Indians of Big Cove, N.B., during the two past years, 1881-82, 1882-83..... \$150.00

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Mr. Bannon has been acting there for some time as chaplain for the Indians of this band, he is now acting as their missionary, and this is to pay him for his past services. In the future he will receive \$100 a year.

Mr. CASGRAIN. How many Indians are there here?

Mr. MITCHELL. I may say, that the number of them is very considerable, and this missionary has attended them at all times very faithfully. I know that his services are arduous, and I consider his remuneration very small.

292. Indians—Manitoba and the North-West: To supplement the amounts voted for expenditure on various sub-heads in Manitoba and North-West..... \$200,000.00

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This is in addition to the vote of last year, which was insufficient. There has been an over expenditure on tools, cattle, seed, and provisions for destitute Indians of \$46,000; and then a sum is required for future expenditure under Treaties 7 and 4, for destitute Indians, and it is calculated that there will be an over-expenditure on annuities of some \$10,000. We think, however, that during the present fiscal year, we will not have to pay more than \$200,000, although this will be most likely overrun after the 1st of July.

Mr. BLAKE. How does the hon. gentleman account for such an enormous over-expenditure under Treaties 7 and 4?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I will give the particulars on Concurrence.

293. North-West Mounted Police—Additional amount required for this service..... \$50,000.00

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Owing to the large requirements of the Canadian Pacific Railway survey and constructing party in the North-West, prices have generally increased, and, in addition, the duties of the Mounted Police are of such a nature as to necessitate a larger expenditure than during the previous year. Small detachments have been placed at convenient points along the line of railway, and on various trails by which liquor might be brought into the country via the United States. There will be required for forage and for more field work than was anticipated, \$20,000. The fuel item has increased owing to the unusual severity of the winter, by an over-expenditure of \$5,000; repairs and renewal of equipment, \$3,000; transport of troops to the North-West, \$2,000; increased rates for provisions, \$5,000; and to complete, arms, clothing and accoutrements for the increased strength of the force to 500, making \$15,000.

Mr. BLAKE. I hope the forage will get cheaper up there.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes; but the consumption on the railway, and owing to the influx of immigrants, has been so great, that forage is dearer, much dearer than it was during the previous year.

295. Miscellaneous—To provide for the expenses incurred during the journey of His Excellency the Governor General and suite to British Columbia and return:..... \$10,841.39

Mr. BLAKE. Does this cover the whole cost of the journey?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I am quite sure that it does.

Mr. BLAKE. This journey was not all connected with the journey to the North-West?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. No. It was to British Columbia. This is for the expenses while in British Columbia, except for the eastern portion of the trip, which was borne, of course, by the Governor General himself. The expenses incurred in going out there and in returning, and the expenses up into the interior.

315. To provide for the expenses in connection with the International Fisheries Exhibition..... \$15,000.00

Mr. BLAKE. Will the hon. gentleman give us the details?

Mr. BOWELL. I hope the hon. gentleman will not ask for the details of the expenditure. I may say that \$10,000 was voted last Session and this is an additional \$15,000, and it is likely that another vote will have to be made making the whole appropriation \$40,000. This money has been expended, or is to be expended, in the collection of all the different varieties of fish and other articles which have been sent to the exhibition. I may say that I have no details of the expenditure—that is to say, as to the parties to whom money is to be paid. If the House desires