

After further discussion,

Hon. Mr. Rose added to the resolution the words, "to be paid in 1867-68, or 1868-69."

Mr. Ferguson thought it would be quite safe to vote this \$100,000 to the Government. If spent, it would be well spent; if not all spent the balance could remain in the Treasury; there could be no loss to the country.

Mr. Masson (Terrebonne)—With regard to the appropriation to cover payment for stores furnished by the Imperial Government before the 1st of July, 1867, asked if it included ammunition as well as accoutrements.

Hon. Mr. Cartier said he had been Minister of Militia only since the 1st of July, and he did not have these old accounts by rote. If the honourable member came to his office to-morrow he would show him how much was for ammunition and how much for accoutrements.

Hon. Mr. Smith with regard to the appropriation of \$18,000 pay of volunteers for Dominion Day review, asked how much of this was spent in Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. Cartier could not say.

On the item of \$120,000 to pay for barrack fitments made by the Royal Engineers,

Hon. Mr. Cartier explained that the Province of Canada undertook to pay for barrack accommodation for three regiments. Some of the items in the accounts furnished by the Royal Engineers for this service were disputed by the Government, but it had been thought well to ask an appropriation sufficient to cover the whole accounts.

Mr. Mackenzie thought there should not be too much excitement in consenting to these accounts, although he believed there had been a mistake as to the prices where this barrack accommodation had been provided; most of the work done had been to alter old buildings which were not the property of this Government, he thought that Government should adopt a distinct policy as to where the barracks should be located, and then own the buildings which were erected.

Hon. Mr. Cartier admitted that the present system was not satisfactory. He did not think, however, the suggestion of the member for

Lambton could be carried out in practice, for the commander of the forces might at any time remove garrisons from one town to another, or select new places in which soldiers should be quartered.

On the next item \$80,000, for barrack accommodation,

Mr. Blake asked how much rent was paid for the buildings in Ottawa in which the Rifles were quartered.

Hon. Mr. Cartier \$4,000 per annum for the Skead building, and \$6,000 per annum for the Nun's building.

Hon. Mr. Fisher—How many troops are accommodated for that money?

Hon. Mr. Cartier could not say. He believed, however, there was accommodation for a whole regiment.

On the item \$400 pension to Samuel Walter, late Clerk of the House of Assembly,

Hon. Mr. Smith asked a definition of the policy of the Government with reference to these pensions. Surely the Government did not mean that New Brunswick and Nova Scotia should have anything to do with paying these pensions of the old Province of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin said it was clear under the Union Act, Canada was liable for all the debts and liabilities of the late Province of Canada but as Ontario and Quebec had to assume the debt in excess of sixty-two and a half millions, the liabilities above that amount would be divided between these Provinces.

Hon. Mr. Smith thought the House should know when these moneys were appropriated whether they were to be charges on the Dominion Government or Local Governments. He was afraid justice would not be done if New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were not also represented in the arbitration between Ontario and Quebec.

Hon. Mr. Dorion said if these pensions were to be charged against Ontario and Quebec, this Parliament was appropriating the money of those Provinces, or increasing their debt without the consent of their Legislatures.

Hon. Mr. Cartier contended that the Dominion Parliament, under the Union Act,