

for surveys of lands in the North-West, during the present fiscal year?

Mr. McLELAN. The amount received up to the 20th June, 1885, on account of sales of Dominion lands, was \$374,057.63; and the expenditure charged to capital account was \$269,546.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE RECEIPTS.

Mr. TROW (for Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT) asked, What amount has been received for Customs, and what for Excise, during the month ending 30th June?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The amount received for Customs is \$1,361,387, and for Excise \$444,031.

RODGERS' FISH-LADDERS.

Mr. FORBES asked, Has the Government, through the Department of Marine and Fisheries, bought Rodgers' interest in his fish-ladders? If so, when was the purchase made, and what was paid for the same?

Mr. McLELAN. No; it has not bought it.

Mr. FORBES asked, Does the Government or the Department of Marine and Fisheries intend using the Rodgers' fish-ladders in Davison's dams during the coming summer, or what means are intended to be used for getting fish up the Lahave, if these ladders are not?

Mr. McLELAN. An engineer is now engaged in making an inspection of the dams on the river, with a view to ascertaining the most desirable means of providing the required passage for fish.

FISHING IN LAKE SIMCOE.

Mr. TROW (for Mr. MULOCK) asked, Is it the intention of the Government, at the present Session, to introduce such legislation as may be necessary in order that Government agents may be empowered to issue valid permits to fish in the waters of Lake Simcoe?

Mr. McLELAN. Lake Simcoe being set apart, under the Fisheries Act, for the propagation of fish it is not proposed to introduce any legislation the present Session in order that Government agents may issue valid permits to fish.

COUNTY COURT JUDGES' SALARIES.

Mr. HOLTON asked, Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure during the present Session providing for the increase of the salaries of county court judges throughout the Dominion?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is not.

DEEP WATER FISHERIES ON THE COAST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria) asked, What steps, if any, have been taken by the Dominion Government concerning the protection and promotion of the deep-water fisheries on the coast of British Columbia? Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps for ascertaining their nature and probable value during the ensuing fiscal year? If so, by what method and to what extent of expenditure will such fisheries be encouraged?

Mr. McLELAN. No steps have been taken in connection with the deep sea fisheries. The Inspector of Fisheries has been instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to obtain accurate statistics as to the value of the British Columbia fisheries.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Mr. BLAKE asked, What are the earnings and working expenses of the Intercolonial Railway for the eleven months ending 31st May, 1885?

Mr. POPE. As far as I can understand, the working expenses were \$2,304,019, and the earnings \$2,173,214.

SALARIES OF MINISTERS.

Mr. SOMERVILLE (Brant) asked, Is it the practice of the members of the Government to draw their salaries monthly in advance? If so, when was the practice established, and why?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This question has been overlooked, but the members of the Government and the Inside Civil Service do draw their salaries monthly in advance. The date, and the reason why, I shall give to-morrow.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. KAULBACH. I desire to bring to the attention of the House, under the rule of privilege, a matter which was brought to the notice of the House on Thursday by the hon. member for Centre Wellington, in answer to a charge made that he had shirked the vote on the amendment from the Senate to the Scott Act. I would have answered on that day the remarks made by the hon. member for Centre Wellington (Mr. Orton) had I been in the House, but I was absent in the Library at the time, and I had no knowledge of his intention to bring the matter to the notice of the House. In order that I may not be misinterpreted by the House, and be considered as having acted unfairly, I am desirous of making this explanation. The hon. member for Centre Wellington came to me on the evening of the debate on the Senate amendments to the Scott Act, saying that he was desirous of taking the evening train to Toronto, and asked me if I would pair with him, saying that he intended to vote in favor of the amendment, and he knew that I was going to vote against it. I said to him: "I cannot pair with you. I am desirous of giving an open vote." He said: "I wish you would pair with me, because I want to go away on important business." I was very desirous of accommodating him, but I said that I feared my pairing with him would be misinterpreted. He urged me again, and said he was very anxious for me to pair with him. Finally I consented; but before I consented he told me that there would be no difficulty if I would be present in the House and not vote; that my vote would be challenged, and then I could say that I had paired with him, and my vote would be recorded in the ordinary way and would appear in the *Hansard*. I told him I did not think that was correct; and he said: "Well, it is understood that we pair; we will pair in that way." I said: "Very well," and we parted with that understanding. A few moments after he had left I went to the Assistant Speaker and informed him of the position, and asked him if the hon. member for Centre Wellington was correct, saying that I had my doubts about it; and he said: "He is not correct. Your name will not appear in the list of the yeas and nays, but if you state that you paired with him, it will appear in the *Hansard*." I felt then that I was not bound by that pair, and consequently I gave an open vote against the amendment. I make this statement in order that I may not be considered by the House as having acted dishonorably.

Mr. ORTON. I am sorry I cannot entirely endorse the account of the pair which has been given by my hon. friend. When I asked him to pair it was not until after he made some remark as to his being desirous to have it known how he