

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex) moved for a return showing the names of all persons appointed to office, either in inside or outside service, since the 23rd day of February, 1880, the offices to which such persons were appointed, and the salary attached thereto.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There is no objection to this if the words "and the reason of such appointments" are inserted.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE CHARGEABLE TO CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Mr. ANGLIN, in the absence of Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT, moved for a return in detail of the receipts and expenditure chargeable to Consolidated Fund, from 30th July, 1881, up to 10th February, 1882.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This motion, and the next, seem to be the same thing, with the exception that this is from the 30th July and the next from the 1st July.

Mr. ANGLIN. I am sorry that I am not prepared to explain what the hon. member for Centre Huron (Sir Richard J. Cartwright) intended by putting these two motions in the way he has done. The objection made by the hon. leader of the Government seems to be well founded, so far as I can see.

Mr. BLAKE. It is possible the intention was to obtain, first, the statement for the longer period, as that would be almost immediately obtained; then the second one for the subsequent period, from the 10th to the 20th of February, for which there might be some greater difficulty in obtaining. If the whole could be rapidly obtained, perhaps it might be better to combine them, and take it from the first date down to the 20th February.

Mr. ANGLIN. Perhaps it would be better that the two motions be combined, and that afterwards the hon. member for Centre Huron should have the right to point out to the Minister of Finance why he put these motions separately.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Certainly.

Mr. ANGLIN. Then perhaps it would be better to have the second motion passed first.

Mr. MILLS. I remember a discussion took place across the House between the Minister of Finance and the hon. member for Centre Huron in reference to the motion, and I think the hon. Minister stated that the second motion was already in his possession. It is the ordinary ten days motion.

The second motion, covering the time from the 1st July, 1881, to 20th February, 1882, was agreed to.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION FROM CAPE SABLE ISLAND.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Shelburne) in moving for copies of all correspondence with the department of Public Works, or petitions addressed to the Minister, asking the Government to provide for telegraphic communication between Cape Sable Island and the mainland in the county of Shelburne, said: This is a matter of considerable importance to the people of my county. The hon. Minister of Public Works the other day, in replying to the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Daly) stated: "that it was possible that this service would be provided for in the Estimates for this year." I believe the expenditure made by the Department of Public Works in connection with this service in the Maritime Provinces is one of the greatest boons ever conferred upon our fishing industries. I only hope it will go on until every light station is connected with existing telegraphic

Mr. Ives.

lines, or by the semaphores patented by Mr. Gisborne. I have looked over the expenditure under this head, and I find it is carried on very cheaply indeed. I believe that service is under the control of one of the ablest of men in that department of science on this continent. I am glad to have the assistance of my hon. friend from Halifax. I trust that in the enquiry he made the other day he was actuated by a desire solely to advance the interests of the people of the Maritime Provinces, and I hope the Government will be careful to bring down all the petitions addressed to the Minister. I also trust that the hon. member for Halifax was not actuated by a desire to advance the political interests of his friends to whom he refers in the question he has asked. I think, however, he will find that the petitions addressed to the Department by that gentleman are very meagre indeed. When this plan was proposed by the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Fortin), I directed his attention to this matter, and Cape Sable light station was one of the stations fixed upon some years ago to be at an early date connected with the telegraph system of the Maritime Provinces. I hope I will have some opportunity of reciprocating the assistance which the hon. member for Halifax desired to render me in this service.

Mr. DALY. I have great pleasure in supporting this motion, and I do so in view of the fact that the production of these papers will show that the subject has not been lost sight of either by the people of the county of Shelburne or by the citizens of Halifax, which city I have the honor to represent in this House. The matter is not one of merely local importance to the county of Shelburne, but it is one relating to the interests of the whole Province of Nova Scotia; and I may go further, and state that it relates to the navigation of the high seas, and a telegraph communication once established between the Island of Cape Sable and the main land, will be a very great service in the future. We trust that no more unfortunate shipwrecks, such as have taken place upon that coast, will ever occur again. But should they occur on that coast the establishment of a line of telegraphic communication, such as now asked for, will be of great service. It will be found, I think, on the production of the papers referred to, that this scheme has been taken up by the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Fortin), and has been pressed by him upon the attention of the Government. Petitions have emanated also from the local representative of the county of Shelburne, and these petitions have been endorsed by such names as S. Cunard & Co., Lloyd's agents in Halifax, and by the representatives of almost all the marine insurance companies in the county of Halifax. It is, therefore, Sir, with no such view as has been so kindly attributed to me by the mover of the motion, but simply with a view of advancing the public interests, that I asked the question I proposed the other day, and it is also for the purpose of showing that due credit should be given to the hon. gentlemen who have moved in this matter, and to whom the credit will redound if the desired result be attained.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. As I had the honor, when Minister of Public Works, to submit the policy which is now under consideration for the first time to the House, I may be permitted, perhaps, to say a single word in reference to this question. I would not have done so were it not that the hon. member for Shelburne (Mr. Robertson) seems so very unwilling that any person should join him, or cooperate with him, or propose without his cooperation, anything which may indirectly benefit the county he represents. After the allusion which has been made to the Hon. Mr. White, the representative of the county of Shelburne in the Local Legislature, and a member of the Government of Nova Scotia, it is right that I should say that when I was in Halifax that gentleman waited upon me, and urged, in the strongest possible manner, the great import-