

Hon. Mr. POPE: It is not the intention of the Government, although strongly sympathizing with everything calculated to advance the progress of Agriculture, to do so.

Mr. CURRIER: When the Return to Address of 4th May, 1870, for a return of the names, origin, creed, position, and pay of the employees of the Dominion Government will be laid before the House?

Hon. Mr. MORRIS: Either this week or beginning of next week?

Mr. DELORME (Saint-Hyacinthe): Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps towards preventing the emigration of Canadians to the United States, by holding out such material advantages as will induce Canadians to remain in their own country?

And,—

Whether it is the intention of the Government to take more effectual means to encourage Canadians who have emigrated to the United States to return to Canada, and whether one of such measures is to set apart out of the amount voted for immigration the greater part of that sum for this purpose?

Hon. Mr. POPE: The Government were doing everything in their power to induce emigrants from the United States and everywhere else to come to Canada.

Mr. BOLTON: Whether, under Article Eighteen of the Treaty of Washington, United States fishermen will be expected to be governed, when fishing in Dominion waters, by municipal or other regulations establishing close time for the protection of spawning grounds, or other protective measures for the preservation of the fisheries?

And,—

Whether, under the Twenty-first Article of the Treaty of Washington, the fish and fish oil that are proposed to be admitted free of duty into the United States are meant to be only what are produced within the limits of the Dominion, or if fish caught by the subjects of the Dominion outside of the three mile limit, be considered the produce of the Dominion fisheries and admitted free of duty?

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD would be obliged to his hon. friend if he would postpone these questions until after the discussion on the Washington Treaty. Postponed.

Mr. FOURNIER: Whether it is the intention of the Government to take under its control the wharves built upon the St. Lawrence, below Quebec, by means of loans from the Municipal Loan Fund, and to relieve the Municipalities from the debt which they have contracted in erecting the same?

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN: The matter had engaged the attention of the Government, but no decision had yet been arrived at.

Mr. LAWSON: Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a sum in the Estimates of the current year for the purpose of opening Big Creek (in the County of Norfolk), into the water of Lake Erie, for a Harbour of Refuge, in accordance with the petition to His Excellency the Governor General of R. Abbott and 200 others?

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN: It was the intention of the Government to have the matter of opening up of Big Creek inquired into by a competent engineer.

Mr. KEELER: Whether the lands of Presque Isle Peninsula and High Bluff, in the Township of Brighton, are the property of the Dominion, and if so, is it the intention either to sell or lease, with right of cutting wood for fuel and fencing, to the present occupants as prayed by their petition of recent date?

Hon. Mr. TUPPER: These lands were obtained for lighthouse purposes and it is not consistent with the public interest that any part of them should be either sold or leased.

Mr. MASSON (Soulanges): Whether it is the intention of the Government before commencing the works for the enlargement of the Canals of the Dominion to have a thorough examination made by competent Engineers of the north shore of the Coteau Rapids in the Counties of Soulanges and Vaudreuil in order to ascertain if it would not be less costly and more advantageous in a commercial and strategic point of view to build a new canal to the north of the said Rapids in preference to enlarging the existing Beauharnois Canal, the building of which on the south shore of the said Rapids has been the cause of so much outlay and damage to property; outlay and damages, which if they continue, will with the addition of the cost of enlargement, far exceed the cost of building a new canal on the north shore of the Coteau Rapids?

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN: It will be taken into consideration by the Government.

Mr. OLIVER moved for the correspondence relating to fees charged by American officials on goods and produce passing through the United States in bond. He stated that these charges were so heavy that it was almost impossible to send goods either to Europe or to the Maritime Provinces in bond, and it also operated very much against shipments to the United States, while at the same time the products of the United States passed through the Dominion without any fee or charge. He thought some steps should be taken by the Government to remedy the evil which was complained of in all parts of the country.

Mr. De COSMOS said the question was one in which British Columbia was specially interested, as they imported largely from Great Britain via San Francisco and Panama. He understood that the charges alluded to were very exorbitant. The pack trade along the frontier was at times compelled to cross the border, when they had