

matters; and also a copy of all Reports made by officers of the Department, sent down from *Ottawa* to *Quebec*, to investigate the same. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 98.)

Mr. *Cartwright*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 1st April, 1878, for a Return shewing: 1st. The number, if any, of Cadets nominated annually to the Royal Navy by the several Colonies of the Empire; and what proportion is nominated by the Dominion of *Canada* and the several Provinces thereof; 2nd. The names of such Cadets as have been nominated to Her Majesty's Royal Navy by *Canada*, since the 1st July, 1867; such Return to exhibit the proportion coming from each of the several Provinces of the Dominion, and the total number to which *Canada* is entitled to nominate. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 99.)

Mr. *Smith*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 3rd April, 1878, for a copy of the Order in Council regulating and determining the rights, powers and duties imposed on the Harbour Master for the Port of *Collingwood*, and fixing his remuneration, and any other Order or Orders amending the same; and a Statement shewing the moneys received by the Harbour Master of the said Port, for the year ending on the 31st day of December last, and how much has been retained thereof, and how much paid over to the Receiver General. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 100.)

Also, Return to an Order of this House, dated 20th February, 1878, for copies of Accounts and Vouchers shewing the amount of expenses incurred in running the Steamer "*Northern Light*," between *Georgetown* and *Pictou* down to date; also the cost of repairs of said Steamer during the summer of 1877. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 101.)

And also, Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 1st April, 1878, for copies of all correspondence, memorials, reports or papers connected with a lease from the Government of *Nova Scotia*, and from the Dominion Government to the Honorable *Alexander McFarlane*, of certain mud flats and oyster beds in the Counties of *Colchester* and *Cumberland*, with copies of said leases; also, Statement of the amount of rent received for said property by the Government. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 102.)

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, seconded by Mr. *Norris*,

*Resolved*, That in consequence of severe indisposition, leave of absence, till the end of the present Session, be granted to *W. A. Thomson*, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Welland*, and that his Sessional indemnity be computed as for the whole Session.

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tupper*, and the Question being proposed, That there be laid before this House, the Return of the original papers made and signed by the Deputy Heads of the different Public Departments purporting to be made in obedience to the Order of this House of the Fifth day of March, 1877, as follows: "The names of persons appointed to office between the 1st of January and the 7th of November, 1873, the names of the officials whose salaries were increased during the same period; the names of those so appointed whose appointments were cancelled subsequent to the 7th of November. A Statement shewing whether the positions which were filled up by those whose appointments were cancelled have remained unfilled or have been since filled up—and if so when and by whom—and whether the salaries of those officials which were increased during the period named have been since reduced or increased, and shewing the reduction or increase in each office respectively";

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.