

Public Works, for services, etc. in the town of Brantford on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales—Carried.

DUTY ON HOPS

Mr. Colby moved an address for memorials addressed to the Government on the subject of the duty on hops.—Carried.

HEMLOCK TIMBER

Mr. Pope moved the appointment of a special committee to inquire into and report upon the best means of protecting hemlock timber, to consist of Messrs. Dunkin, Wood, Huntington, Bown, Masson, Senecal, Beaubien and the mover—Carried.

RAILWAYS

Mr. McConkey moved an address for sundry returns as to the cost, the traffic, working expenses, etc. of the railways of the Dominion—Carried.

LOWER CANADA CIRCUIT COURTS

Mr. Paquet moved for a return of moneys received by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in the Province of Quebec, in virtue of Section 32 of Chapter 109, Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada—Carried.

PENSIONS

Mr. Connell moved for a return of pensions paid by the late Province of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, for the year ending 30th June, 1867—Carried.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Holton called the attention of the Finance Minister to the fact that the Public Accounts Committee had not yet been called together.

Hon. Mr. Rose said the Minister of Inland Revenue was Chairman of the Committee, and he believed it would be called together as soon as practicable.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORY

Mr. Mills moved an address for correspondence with the Government of Ontario with a view to obtain the surrender to the Government of Canada of the North-West Territory.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said all the correspondence on the subject of the North-West Territory had been brought down in answer to a previous address.

[Mr. Brown (Hastings West).]

Mr. Mills said when the subject of the North-West Territory was under discussion in the early part of the session, the House was informed by the Minister of Public Works that the Government of this country did not surrender their claim to that territory, in asking the British Government to give us control over it. That honourable gentleman stated he had no doubt that the territory formed, at the time of the Treaty of Utrecht, part of the territory of New France, surrendered to Great Britain by the French Government. If so, it must form part of the territory of Ontario. If a separate Government were to be established in that territory, it appeared to him that this Government ought to deal for it with the Government of Ontario rather than with the Government of Great Britain. If there had been no correspondence on this subject, it appeared to him the Minister of Public Works must have failed in his duty.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said there had been no such correspondence. There might be room for difference of opinion. The boundaries of Upper Canada on the North-West, as he understood, were fixed by law. Perhaps the exact line had not been defined, and when the Government claimed control of the territory, the question would become an important one where Upper Canada ceased and where that territory began. But at present he saw no object to be gained by raising a correspondence between this Government and the Government of Ontario over that question. If the honourable gentleman wished his (Mr. McDougall's) views, he would say that he believed according to the Act of 1791 the boundaries of Upper Canada were somewhere on the highlands to the North-West of Thunder Bay, but it did not extend into the Red River Valley and Valley of Lake Winnipeg. The interior had been occupied by the French and by the Treaty of Utrecht it became British territory; but it remained under the control of Great Britain, not under our control.

The motion then dropped.

HOPS

Mr. Colby, in moving his address on hops, complained that Canadian hops were subject to an export duty of 5c. per lb. while hops from the United States were imported free of duty. Such an anomalous state of affairs ought to be terminated as quickly as possible; for, whether the interest of the hop grower of the Province or of the revenue were considered, there could be but one conclusion, and