

6th. The claim for these arrears was repeatedly urged upon the Department and Government from the time of the payment of principal in December, 1849, until 28th June, 1867, when an Order in Council authorized the payment of the interest which had thus become due nearly 18 years before, and on 30th September of that year Mr. *Brewster* received on account thereof the sum of \$1,852,000.

7th. Mr. *Brewster's* pretension is therefore that the sum of \$1,849.00 interest which had accrued, and upon a settlement of accounts was admitted by the Department to have been due to him on the 22nd November, 1849, should be considered as a principal sum upon which interest ought to be paid him up to the time of the payment thereof in 1867.

8th. Without desiring to enter upon the question whether as a rule interest should accrue upon claims of this nature against the Government, your Committee consider it their duty to call the attention of the House to the peculiar and exceptional nature of this case. The decision in 1849 (not indeed embodied in the Order in Council itself, but arrived at and recorded by a Commissioner of Public Works) was that interest was to be allowed, and had therefore accrued from the date of the Final Estimate. This decision seems to have been overlooked by the Department in the more recent discussions respecting the settlement of this claim.

Under these circumstances they consider Mr. *Brewster's* claim for this interest a fair and equitable one.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, during the second sitting of The House, yesterday, were reported, and are as follows:—

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

188. Miscellaneous Justice..... \$ 3,000 00

PENITENTIARIES AND PRISON INSPECTION.

189. Penitentiary, Kingston, maintenance, additional 20,000 00
190. Rockwood Asylum, additional for capital and construction..... 6,700 00
191. Penitentiary, New Brunswick, including arrears before July 1, 1867, and maintenance of local prisoners..... 20,000 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

192. Statistical Office, Nova Scotia, additional..... 3,590 00

EMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

193. Additional Agencies, per Order in Council, of January 28..... 2,700 00

PUBLIC WORKS.

194. Fort Garry Road, per Order in Council of 21st September, 1868, and 9th April, 1869..... 15,739 79
195. Additional Expenditure, on do 1,486 67
196. T. Begly, per Order in Council of 12th November, 1868..... 14,000 00
197. Intercolonial Railway..... 98,000 00

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM SERVICE.

198. Repairs of steamer *Druid*..... 3,372 00

LIGHT HOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

199. Buoys and Beacons, New Brunswick..... 1,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

200. Towards cost of Confederation Medal..... 2,000 00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

201. To provide for the salaries of certain Deputy Heads, and the Secretary of the Treasury Board, part of whose salaries have hitherto been charged to separate services, and in lieu of such separate payments..... 3,700 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUE FROM PUBLIC WORKS.

202. Maintenance Nova Scotia Railway, additional..... 30,000 00
203. Do. New Brunswick..... 10,000 00

POST OFFICE.

204. Additional 15,000 00
Balances of appropriations carried on, see Public Accounts, part II, page 67, to be revoted.
205. Pictou and Truro Railway construction..... 65,000 00
206. Barrack fittings, balance 8,000 00
207. Militia service, Nova Scotia, to October..... 32,145 01
208. Do. New Brunswick, do 25,270 65

PENITENTIARIES, &C.

209. Gratuity to Warden of Kingston Penitentiary, on his resignation, as per order of Council..... 5,200 00