

"Witness my hand and seal, this day of
 one thousand eight hundred and
 "Signed, sealed and delivered }
 in presence of } A.B. [L.S.]
 "C. D.
 "E. F."

or in any other form to the like effect. And every deed made in accordance herewith shall be held and construed to impose upon the vendor executing the same the obligation of guaranteeing the Company and its assigns against all dower and claim for dower and against all hypothecs and mortgages and against all liens and charges whatsoever, and also that he has a good, valid and transferable title thereto.

COMMISSION OF INTERNAL ECONOMY.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows:—

Lorne.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, two approved Minutes in Council, appointing the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, Minister of the Interior; the Honorable Sir Leonard Tilley, Minister of Finance; the Honorable Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Railways and Canals, and the Honorable Hector L. Langevin, C.B., Minister of Public Works, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the Act 31 Victoria, Chapter 27, intitled: "An Act respecting the Internal Economy of the House of Commons, and for other purposes."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 10th December, 1880.

SUPPLY.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved:

"That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty."

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved:

"That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty."

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT asked when the Public Accounts would be laid on the Table.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I hope they may be ready by Christmas, but I am not quite certain. We are making an effort to have them ready then.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. May I further enquire whether, if they are ready by Christmas, the hon. Minister can distribute them to the Members of the House? It would possibly save some trouble and inconvenience if he did.

Mr. BLAKE. Are the papers just laid on the Table all the papers that are to be supplied, in accordance with the terms of the Speech.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. There is a motion on the paper.

Mr. BLAKE. I am aware. But the Speech declared that we were to receive some papers; I simply enquire whether these are all the papers.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes.

Mr. BLAKE. And, may I ask, are they in print?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes, they will be distributed in the Votes in the morning.

Mr. ANGLIN stated that last session he had moved for a return relating to the lands of the North-West—the quantities sold, the prices at which they were sold, the expenses connected therewith, etc. The hon. Minister had stated that the Government intended to lay before the House a Return of a somewhat similar character. If that general return were brought down, it would, of course, render unnecessary the one for which he had moved. It was information which he thought the House should be put in possession of before they discussed the Pacific Railway bargain, so that they might form a closer estimate of the value of the lands in the North-West than they could by means of the conjectures in which hon. members were forced to indulge. He would like to ask the hon. the First Minister if he knew anything of that return, or whether the general return would be brought down.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I do not know anything about the special return the hon. gentleman speaks of, but the general return is almost ready, if it is not already in the hands of the printers—a very full statement.

House adjourned at 10:30 o'clock, p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

MONDAY, 13th December, 1880.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

EXPLORATIONS ON ST. LAWRENCE.

Mr. LANTIER enquired, Whether the Engineer-in-Chief of Canals has received instructions to make a report on the explorations made on the north side of the St. Lawrence, from Coteau Landing to the Bay of Cascades, for the construction of a canal; and, if so, whether his report is ready and the Government prepared to give a decision on that question?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I beg leave to say, in answer to the question of the hon. member, that the Chief Engineer of Canals has been requested and received instructions, to make a report on the subject referred to in this question; that he has stated the matter is one of very great importance indeed, and that the pressure upon his time was such that it had prevented him being able to give it that attention which its importance demanded, but that so soon as possible he would make a full examination into the subject and report upon it. The subject is now receiving the fullest attention of the Department.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Some time next year.

STORM WARNINGS ON INLAND WATERS.

Mr. FLEMING enquired, Whether, in view of the recent loss of life and property on the inland waters of the Dominion, it is the intention of the Government to increase the number of storm signal stations, and also, whether steps will be taken to insure greater promptness and accuracy in giving storm warnings?

Mr. POPE (Queen's). The matter has not yet received the attention of the Government. As the question has been asked by the hon. member, the subject will be considered.

MINISTERIAL EXPLANATIONS.

Mr. BLAKE. Before motions are called, I invite the right hon. gentleman at the head of the Government to give to the House the usual explanations with respect to the changes that have occurred in the Ministry since last