

OVERFLOW OF THE GRAND RIVER

Mr. McCALLUM moved for the correspondence, if any, for the past two years, between the Government and the Engineer or Engineers in charge of the Welland Canal, as to the amount of damage sustained by land owners and property holders along the Grand River in the Counties of Haldimand and Monck; also for copies of all reports, if any, as to the valuation and payment of said damages caused by holding the water in the said river much higher than usual for the use of the said canal. He complained that great injustice had been done to the people for years past on account of the water overflowing their land.

Mr. THOMPSON (Haldimand) endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker.

The motion was carried.

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UNITED STATES TONNAGE DUES ON CANADIAN VESSELS

Mr. NORRIS moved for copies of all correspondence, if any, between the Government of Canada and the American Government in reference to the regulation making it imperative on all Canadian vessels to call at Duncan City, in the Straits of Mackinaw, before entering into Lake Michigan; also in reference to the tonnage dues imposed on Canadian vessels annually in American ports.

He particularly complained of the loss of time occasioned by the necessity of calling at Duncan City. He had no doubt the American Government thought it would prevent smuggling, but they might do this by sending out a revenue cutter to make searches instead of causing this grievous delay. The loss of time occasioned was ten to twelve hours, the whole making a crying grievance. He also objected to the tonnage dues, which were especially unjust, since American vessels came in here perfectly free of duty.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE asked that the motion be not now passed, as correspondence was going on in which the grievance was being discussed. The Government were endeavouring to remedy the matter complained of.

Mr. NORRIS withdrew his motion.

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THE DAWSON ROUTE

Mr. HORTON moved for a statement of the number of emigrants conveyed by the Government over the Dawson Road to Manitoba since the opening of said routes and the average cost of persons so conveyed.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said it was difficult to bring down the information in the precise manner asked for, but he would say that the total expenditure for the road had been \$1,948,887 in capital expenditure. The working expenses last year had been \$195,299. It was a most expensive road, and the cost last year of forwarding 150 police was \$67,000. Between 5,000 and 6,000 persons have been carried forward on the road, including the police. It was such an

expensive undertaking that the government hardly dared come down with the estimates for it, and were at a loss what to do.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (Marquette) characterized the road as a fraud, and said that when the estimates came up, he would be able to prove some of the great frauds which had been perpetrated.

After a brief discussion the motion passed.

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THE MENNONITE IMMIGRATION

Mr. SCATCHERD moved for copies of all Orders in Council and of all correspondence between the Imperial and Dominion Governments and their agents relating to the emigration of the Mennonites from Southern Russia to Canada, and the arrangements for their transport to this country and conveyance through it, as well as for their reception and ultimate settlement in the Northwest.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE and **Mr. YOUNG** spoke of the great advantage it would be to have these people among us. They were models of thrift and industry.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (Marquette) complained of the locking up of so many townships for people such as these, who might come and who might not.

He would like to be assured of the fact that these Mennonites were really coming to Manitoba, and feared that if they did they would ultimately go to the States, whither so many had already gone.

We might, in his opinion, obtain a far better class of immigrant than even these—good as they were. Besides, English people, to whom he referred, would need no special legislation as these Mennonites did.

The motion was carried.

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QUEBEC ELECTION COURT

Mr. LAURIER moved that the general rules of practice of the Election Court for the Quebec division, laid before the House on the 13th inst., be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections to the effect that the same be examined and considered and a report made thereon to this House.—Carried.

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THE CANADIAN FOOT GUARDS

Mr. WALKER moved for the correspondence and recommendations which led to the issuing of Militia General Order under date of 8th June, 1872, granting to the Governor General's Foot Guards the same precedence and status in the Active Militia of the Dominion as are held by Her Majesty's Foot Guards in the Imperial Army.

He saw it was a matter of regret among the whole force that such precedence had been given to a newly organized battalion over battalions which had seen years of service. He eulogized the old