

croaching upon our territory while they were very jealous of Canadians going into theirs.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said the Government had made every effort to get the United States authorities to join them in obtaining a survey of the boundary in that particular part, but it was very difficult to get them to move in the matter. That was the only thing that had stopped them.

The item was passed.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES — MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Supplementary Estimates for 1877 were then taken up.

Item 1 was passed without discussion.

On item 2, for the salary of one Stipendiary Magistrate, or County Court Judge, to provide, if necessary, for the vacancy created by the death of the late A. T. Bushby, Esq., in British Columbia, \$2,425,

Hon. Mr. BLAKE, in reply to Sir John A. Macdonald, said this was simply for one year, until the question of the County Court Judges in British Columbia was settled.

The item was passed.

With reference to item No. 8, providing for the payment of \$200 to Ensign Fahey, in accordance with a report of the Medical Board,

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT explained that this was the renewal of an old grant. Ensign Fahey had been injured at Ridgeway, and had been granted a pension of \$200 for five years, with the understanding that if he (Fahey) remained in a disabled condition at the end of this period, it would be renewed for a similar time. The Medical Board reported that this was the case, and accordingly the pension was continued.

Mr. IRVING trusted that when occasion arose, these graceful tributes for services rendered the country would be made more general in order to afford encouragement to our volunteers.

The item was passed.

Item No. 9, providing \$10,000 to purchase forage for, and for contingencies in connection with the North-West Mounted Police, being taken up,

Hon. Mr. POPE thought that this service was managed at present in a very extravagant manner.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE replied that he would be glad to hear any suggestions as to the way in which the appropriation could be reduced. The original estimate comprised only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of oats per day for each of the horses, based on the supposition that large quantities could be raised at the posts, but further information led him to believe that this hope could not be realized; and this sum was in part intended to provide for the deficiency.

Hon. Mr. POPE—Could not the force be reduced?

Hon. Mr. BLAKE—I do not think that it could be reduced at present. The military force in Manitoba has been lessened one-half during the present year, and that is something.

Hon. Mr. POPE urged that the volunteer system should be introduced in the North-West Territories, and if such provision were made he thought a reduction in this force would be quite feasible.

Mr. SMITH (Selkirk) held that they must be dependent for some years for protection on the Mounted Police Force.

The item was passed.

Item 10, appropriating \$200,000 for the Cornwall Canal, being taken up,

In reply to Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN,

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE explained that originally they had not intended to do anything in connection with this work during the present year, but they had subsequently thought it advisable to make a commencement, in order that they might next year proceed with it more vigorously.

Mr. SMITH (Selkirk) enquired whether it was the intention to make any appropriation for the improvement of navigation on Red River, between Winnipeg and Lower Fort Garry. Were an interruption which existed removed—vessels could pass from Winnipeg and Fort Garry direct to the mouth of the Saskatchewan. This would be a very great convenience, and he thought that it could be secured with the expenditure of from \$5,000 to \$8,000.