

season of great development and material prosperity and progress.

Paragraphs 1 to 12, inclusive, agreed to.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved :

That the said resolutions be referred to a Select Committee composed of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Charles Tupper, and Messrs. Porter and Weldon (Albert).

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, from the committee, reported the draft of an Address, which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency by such members of the House as are of the hon. the Privy Council.

SUPPLY.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved :

That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved :

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

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

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

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message as follows :—

LANDSDOWNE.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons an approved Minute of Council, appointing the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, G.C.B., President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, the Honorable Sir Hector Langevin, K.C.M.G., Minister of Public Works, the Honorable Sir Charles Tupper, G.C.M.G., O.B., Minister of Finance, and the Honorable Mr. Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purpose and under the provisions of the Act intituled ; "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 14th April, 1887.

REPORTS.

Public Accounts of Canada for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Sir Charles Tupper.)

Annual Report of the Department of Marine for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Mr. Foster.)

Tables of Trade and Navigation for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Mr. Bowell.)

Report of the Department of Militia and Defence for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Sir Adolphe Caron.)

Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the year ending 31st December, 1886.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Mr. McLelan.)

Report of the Department of Inland Revenue for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Mr. Costigan.)

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

Mr. BLAKE. I do not observe that the report of the Auditor General has been laid on the Table. I presume from the thinness of the volume presented by the Finance Minis-

ter, that the suggestion that has been made for some time past of avoiding much of the duplication of these tables has been acted upon, and that the real details are in the other report. Therefore it is the other report which we want but which we have not.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The hon. gentleman has judged aright, and that accounts for the great thinness of the volume I have laid on the Table.

Mr. BLAKE. Too thin.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. It will not be considered too thin, I think, when it is supplemented by the report of the Auditor General, which will soon be laid on the Table.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Surely, meeting here on the 13th of April, we should have had that report long ago. My impression has been that many of these reports would be of great advantage to us, if, according to the custom of other countries, they were given to the public, or at least the substance of them, without waiting until they are nine months after date. But it is an extraordinary circumstance that on the 15th of April, the report of the Auditor General for transactions terminating on the 1st July previous, is not laid before us, and that the Minister of Finance cannot tell us when it will be.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I am sure the hon. gentleman will be quite satisfied when I tell him that the one reason why it is not laid on the Table, is that it may give him the information down to the latest possible period. I have no doubt that on Monday it will be laid on the Table.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 5:50.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 18th April, 1887.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House on the 14th inst., reported lists.

Mr. BLAKE. There are a great many new members in the House, and I think the House should have an opportunity of seeing the selections made, so as to save trouble afterwards. There may be some changes required.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I may say it is understood among the members that I should not move the adoption of this report to day, and I find there are one or two mistakes which we will correct quietly to-morrow.

REPORTS.

Report of the Auditor-General on Appropriation Accounts, for the year ending 30th June, 1886.—(Sir Charles Tupper.)

Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works, for the fiscal year 1885-86, on the works under his control.—(Sir Hector Langevin.)

Annual Report of the Department of the Interior, for the year ending 1886.—(Mr. White, Cardwell.)

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES—LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. DAVIN moved first reading of Bill (No. 2) to establish full representative government in the North-