

never used Hon. Sir George-É. Cartier's name, and third that the cause of his being there was his being on public duty connected with the Departments of Customs and Inland Revenue. It had also been stated that the gentleman in question stated to the captain of a gunboat that he would be dismissed if he did not take a certain course, and he was authorised to say that he had no such communication with that captain and he (Hon. Sir Francis Hincks) had himself seen a telegram stating that the person alluded to had distinctly denied that any such statement had ever been made to him. After such a charge was made he thought it was only just to the gentleman concerned that he should make this explanation.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT said it must be satisfactory to all to find that the revenue was larger than anticipated, but it was decidedly unsatisfactory to find that the expenditures had also been very large. He thought the hon. member should have referred to these large supplementary estimates when he brought down his budget. In that speech the hon. gentleman had stated that the supplementary estimates would amount to about \$300,000. The estimates now brought down showed a sum of \$1,134,000, which was certainly a large increase. It was true that \$500,000 of that amount was chargeable to capital account, but even then there were \$634,000 to be added to ordinary account. There would, therefore, be an actual deficit during the ensuing year. The hon. gentlemen had not explained how he intended to make up the deficiency which would, undoubtedly, be caused by the removal of duties.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said he had taken this matter into calculation and the hon. member would see that whereas the income from Customs last year amounted to \$10,500,000, the estimates for the ensuing year were only \$10,000,000. He believed the income from Customs would largely exceed that amount.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT was glad to hear it. He would remark, however, that the supplementary estimates were largely in excess of what the Hon. Financial Minister had led the House to believe a month ago.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said he had already explained the cause of this increase.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT regretted to see the re-introduction of making appropriations for small local works. One of the advantages which had been looked for as a result of Confederation was the total abolition of this objectionable system, and he regretted to see it adopted by the Government again; many of the items now brought down should have appeared in the general estimates.

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THE MURDER OF SCOTT

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply,

Mr. RYMAL moved that all the words after "that" be left out and the following inserted:—"This House regrets that the Government of the day have done nothing towards procuring the

punishment of the murderers of Thos. Scott, and that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he may take such steps and make such exertions as may be best calculated to bring these men to justice." He said he had hoped that the Government would have taken up this matter before now. But, as they had failed to do so, and as the murderers were walking about the streets of Fort Garry in broad daylight unmolested, he felt it his duty to place this motion in the hands of the Speaker. He (Mr. Rymal) was the last to appeal to party or sectional prejudices, but in the part of Ontario which he represented, there was a feeling of determination to bring the murderers of poor Scott to justice, and this feeling was increased by the knowledge that the late rebels were now the men who were appointed to office, while loyal men were slighted and neglected. Of all the bad things of which the Government had been guilty, this abuse of the public patronage was the worst; after the shameless avowal made by a Minister of the Cabinet the other day, of having prostituted the public patronage, he believed that His Excellency should refuse to be advised by such a man, and say to them "get thee behind me Satan." It was high time that the murderers in Manitoba should be punished, and that an amnesty should be granted to all others who were guilty of merely political offences. He regretted that the time had passed when a British subject could say that his life was sacred, and could not be sacrificed without bringing speedy punishment on his murderers.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said every member in the House must deplore in his inmost heart, the murder of that unfortunate man Scott. He (Hon. Sir George-É. Cartier) denied that any sympathy existed in Quebec for the murderers. There was no doubt that there had been an irritated feeling among the people of Quebec at the time, but it arose from no sympathy with the murderers, but from unfounded charges of newspapers in Ontario, that the priesthood in Manitoba were implicated in the crime. He deplored that this matter should be brought before the House again and in such a manner. The hon. member had introduced the motion in a sort of jocular manner, wholly unsuited to the occasion. He (Hon. Sir George-É. Cartier) hoped the House would join with him in condemning, not only the motion, but the manner in which it had been introduced. (*Hear, hear.*) The Government never had the power to bring the murderers to justice. At the time that the crime was committed this Government had no jurisdiction in the North West. When Manitoba was erected into a Province the administration of justice rested with the Local Government and not with this Government. How then was this Government responsible, when this Parliament had, by its own Act, handed the jurisdiction over criminal matters to the Local authorities. But, even though the Ashburton treaty had extended to the North West, this crime did not come under it, for high treason and murder committed in furtherance of high treason were not extraditable crimes under that treaty. He could not understand how any hon. member, after the repeated explanations which had been made by members of the Government respecting this matter, could have brought it up again. He knew of but one reason for it, and that was to create party feeling at the close of the session.

Then with regard to the charge that the Government had abused their power in bestowing patronage in Manitoba, the hon. member