

Government in regard to this extension, and said he was gratified to find that the Order in Council passed during the period the late Administration had charge of affairs for an additional grant for this purpose had been given effect to, and that the amount had been placed in the estimates by their successors.

Mr. JONES (Halifax) was also glad to see that a sum had been placed in the estimates for this purpose, and he hoped the work would be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE repeated his explanations upon this point made a few evenings ago. The Government were at present endeavouring to purchase the end of the right of way to the dockyard, and had secured a bond from the land-holders for the sale of the property at a fixed price.

The motion was carried.

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NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOL LAW

Mr. JETTÉ moved for copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government relating to the sum voted in the first session of 1873 to meet the costs of an appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council with reference to the constitutionality of the Common School law of New Brunswick passed in 1871, and a statement of all sums paid for the purpose above-mentioned.—Carried.

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INGONISH HARBOUR, NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. PALMER moved for a statement of expenditure for the improvement of the Harbour of Ingonish, South Cape Breton. He strongly objected to the expenditures and considered there was no necessity for spending so much money on a harbour at such an out of the way and insignificant place.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER defended the action of the late Government in connection with the expenditure, on the ground that it was useful as a harbour of refuge.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said the present Government were simply carrying out a contract entered into by their predecessors, but at any rate he saw no public reason why it should have been broken. He held that the only objection which could be taken to the voter was that it was not necessary in the interest of public business, and no other argument against it should be listened to.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Victoria) contended that the appropriation for the improvement of this harbour was necessary for the proper protection of the fishing craft off the coast of Cape Breton. A long stretch of sea coast on either side of this point was without any harbour or place of refuge. The fishermen did a great portion of their fishing off Ingonish during the summer season, and in case of the approach of a storm they had to go to Sydney or some other harbour equally distant, leaving their ground and losing a considerable portion of their valuable time.

He thought the references of the hon. member for St. John (Mr. Palmer) rather unfortunate, as they simply showed that, however much he might be at home on such subjects as judges' salaries, he had not as yet learned the ABC of the geography of Nova Scotia, and much less of the necessities of seafaring men.

Mr. MACKAY (Cape Breton) pointed out that this was the only harbour of refuge on that coast, and that the proposed expenditure was one absolutely required.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL said he had visited this place, and he thought it a very desirable one for the construction of a harbour. The fishing interest was one of the most important in the country, and, as there was no other harbour of refuge within forty or fifty miles, it was necessary that this harbour should be constructed, if it could be at a moderate expense. He was glad to see that the present Government intended to carry out the policy initiated by the late Government with regard to this matter.

After a few remarks from Mr. Palmer,

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE commented upon the inconsistency of the hon. member for St. John's passing over an item of \$50,000 last year without question, and this year taking exception to one for the same purpose which only amounted to \$40,000. He characterized the statement of the hon. member that the present Government should break up the contract as most extraordinary, especially from a legal gentleman.

After some further discussion, the motion was carried.

Mr. PALMER moved for a return showing the number of inhabitants and the amount of imports of the harbour of Ingonish, South Cape Breton, for the past year.—Carried.

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OAKVILLE HARBOUR

Mr. CHISHOLM moved for copies of all correspondence between the Government and Mr. R.K. Chisholm, and all other persons, relating to Oakville harbour since the 1st day of January, 1870; also, for a copy of the agreement between the Government and one Shewell, purchaser of the said harbour, together with a statement of the amount of money paid by the said Shewell and the amount of his indebtedness to the Government on account of all money paid by the Government to or received from any person in relation to the same since the 1st January, 1870.—Carried.

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LUMBER SLIDES ON THE OTTAWA RIVER

Mr. WHITE (Renfrew North) moved for a return showing the sums expended on capital account in the construction of slides, dams, piers, booms, and other works to facilitate the passage of timber and saw logs on the Ottawa River and its tributaries up to 31st December last.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE suggested that the hon. gentleman should include the sums expended chargeable to income, as well as