

1st August, 1878, and which was to expire only on the 1st August, 1882.

MR. LANGEVIN: This contract was cancelled because it had been granted without having been advertised, as required by law. Nevertheless, it appears that the only person who has received money for the service mentioned in this contract is Mr. Roy himself.

EMIGRATION OF BRITISH TENANT FARMERS.

QUESTION.

MR. STEPHENSON enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint special agents for the purpose of promoting the emigration of tenant farmers, or others, resident in Great Britain or Ireland, to the Dominion of Canada, during the present year; and if not, why?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: The Government have their ordinary and regular staff of emigrant agents in the Old Country, and they do not propose to appoint any special agents.

NEW BRUNSWICK—INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OVER RIVER ST. JOHN.

QUESTION.

MR. COSTIGAN asked, If the Congress of the United States appropriate one-half of the estimated cost of certain proposed International bridges over the river Saint John, N. B., will the Government of Canada provide the remaining half of said estimated cost?

MR. LANGEVIN: If the United States Congress will offer to pay one-half of the cost of certain proposed bridges over the St. John River, the Government of Canada will be prepared to consider the matter.

ST. MAURICE RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

QUESTION.

MR. MONTPLAISIR enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Supplementary Estimates any sum whatever for the improvement of the river St. Maurice, more particularly between the Piles Falls and La Tuque.

MR. LANGEVIN: The engineer who has been sent to make an inspection has not yet reported; and the Department is unable, therefore, to say whether a sum of money will be required for improvements. Under these circumstances I am unable to submit to my colleagues,

and they are unable to submit to Parliament, any proposal in reference to any such improvements, at all events during this Session.

OTTAWA RIVER FISHING PRIVILEGES.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. COCKBURN (West Northumberland), in moving for an Order of the House for the production of copies of all grants, leases, and agreements made between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, or any of its officers, and any persons owning or possessing lands, bays and marshes, or portions thereof, lying on the north side of the Ottawa river, between the city of Ottawa and Grenville; also, full and complete statements of all moneys paid by the Department, during the last three years, for or in respect of fish-breeding or game protection, on those grounds, bays and marshes, or any of them, and the names of persons to whom paid; also, copies of all instructions given to members of the Dominion Police, or officers of the Department, touching game and game protection; also, copies of all correspondence touching game protection on said grounds, bays, or marshes, and copies of all complaints in respect of the same; and, also, a copy of a circular dated on or about the 15th December last, issued by the said Department to fishery overseers, in reference to game protection, together with copies of all objections or complaints made concerning the enforcement of the Provincial Game Laws by Dominion officials, acting under instructions from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, said: I desire to state briefly the grounds upon which this motion is made. A number of persons in this city, and in the neighbouring counties, have felt that a very grave abuse has existed for the last two years or more. It is well known that this Parliament and Government have no concern in the matter of game protection. That is a subject which, under the British North America Act rests entirely with the Local Parliaments and Governments. During the last two years, however, persons engaged in legitimate sport on this river, and in the neighbouring marshes, have found that the Dominion Police have been employed to warn them off. A great many persons in the city, as well as those living in the neighbourhood—arti-

MR. LANGEVIN.