

Hon. Mr. BLANCHET—Has Mr. Sewell given any security for the due performance of the conditions of the contract?

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—Of course he has.

Hon. Mr. ROBITAILLE—I think that this will be a useless expenditure as we have an excellent steamer called the *Glendon*, which would be useful for the purposes in view, and which is fit for no other purpose.

The item was agreed to.

INDIAN ANNUITIES.

On item No. 18, appropriating \$11,000 to bring up the annuities payable under the Robinson Treaty to the Chippewas of Lake Huron and Superior from 96 cents to \$4 per head,

Mr. BLAKE explained that under this treaty the Dominion was responsible for the payment of the money as it was one of the debts of the old Province of Canada. The money would be first paid by the Dominion, and afterwards it would be adjusted by the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

Mr. BOWELL said in connection with this he desired to call the attention of the House to some money that should have been paid to the Mohawks settled on the Bay of Quinte. He had called the attention of the late Administration to it, and the then Minister of Justice reported in favour of the payment of the money. Before the clergy reserves were set apart certain concessions in the Township of Tyendinaga were surrendered by these Indians to the Government. The proceeds of that sale were to be invested and the interest paid by way of annuity to the tribe, and was paid on certain portions of the land. When the clergy reserves were set apart a portion of these Indian lands, as well as Government lands, were taken for the clergy reserves. The clergy reserves had been sold and the whole amount had been put into the general fund. The sum realized on account of that portion of the clergy reserves which had been Indian lands should have been put into the Indian fund.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said he was not able to discuss the subject to which

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his attention had been called, but if the hon. gentleman would give him a memorandum in regard to the matter he would look into it.

The item was agreed to.

THE ARCHIVES.

On item No. 29 of the Estimates, appropriating \$3,000 to meet expenses in connection with the care of Archives,

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN called the attention of the House that there were important documents, both in France and in England, in relation to the history of this country, under the French and the English regime. He desired to know whether the Government desired to have any of these documents copied, and observed that the expenditure of a small sum of money for the purpose, for one or two years, would considerably enrich our sources of information on the subject.

Mr. BABY said there was a large amount of correspondence of a historical character in the British Museum which should be copied. The United States had been allowed to copy all the documents in the British Museum in relation to their history, he trusted that the Government would grant a small sum for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT said the subject was an interesting one, and he could imagine that both in the British Museum and the French Archives interesting documents with reference to the early history of this country might be found. A sum voted for this purpose would be well employed. A portion of the vote under consideration would no doubt be at the disposal of the Government, and might be used in this direction, and if it were found insufficient, hon. gentlemen would not probably object if they took a few hundred dollars out of the amount voted for unforeseen expenditures.

The item was carried.

THE DAWSON ROAD.

Mr. SMITH (Selkirk) said before the Committee rose, he desired to call the attention of the House to a statement made by the hon. member for Terrebonne in relation to Mr. Carpenter of the Dawson road. That hon.