

vice of the Dominion for the year ending 30th June, 1895, and in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," the Governor General recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

OTTAWA, 19th March, 1894.

Mr. FOSTER moved :

That His Excellency's Message, with the Estimates, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House in Supply.

Motion agreed to.

TAY CANAL—RECEIPTS FROM TOLLS, &c.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, 1. What were the total receipts from tolls on the Tay Canal during the year from 1st January, 1893, to 1st January, 1894? 2. What was the cost of maintaining said canal during same period? 3. What was the total cost of construction of said canal to 1st January, 1894? 4. Is any further expenditure necessary?

Mr. HAGGART. In answer to the first question, \$135.76. In answer to the second question, \$2,486. In answer to the third question, \$476,128.73. No further expenditure is required for the works of construction.

I. C. R.—FREIGHT RATES.

Mr. DAVIES moved for :

Return of all rates, general or special, charged on the Intercolonial Railway on through freight from Lévis to Halifax; with the dates when such existing general or special rates came into force, and in cases where such rates have been altered, specifying the alteration.

He said: I desire to know the change that took place in these general and special rates. I want to know what the rates were and what they are now.

Motion agreed to.

RELEASE OF MCGREEVY AND CONNOLLY.

Mr. MULOCK moved for :

Copies of all petitions or communications to the Government or to any member thereof, or to His Excellency, asking for any interference with the sentence passed by his Lordship the Hon. Mr. Justice Rose on Messrs. McGreevy and Connolly; of all replies thereto and all correspondence between any member of the Government and any other person on the subject of commutation of such sentence; of all medical reports made in regard to either said McGreevy or Connolly, whilst undergoing such sentence; of all reports and recommendations on the said subject, by any member of the Government, to His Excellency, and of all replies thereto and of all Orders in Council in any wise bearing upon the subject of the commutation of said sentences.

He said: I do not propose to make any remarks on the matters mentioned in the motion, but rather to call the attention of the Government to the fact that the commutation of the sentence in question has given rise to a good deal of feeling in the country. It may be that the return, when brought down, will allay that feeling and justify the action of the Government. I desire, however, to express the hope that the Government, should this motion pass, will have the return laid upon the Table without delay.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. There shall be no unnecessary delay.

Mr. MULOCK. I think the First Minister might go a little further than that. To say that there will not be any unnecessary delay will not meet the situation, I believe. I think the matter is one of importance, of such importance as to entitle the country to extra despatch in the production of this return. I venture to say the country demands that action on the part of the Government, therefore I do not think the matter ought to be dealt with as the Minister says. Perhaps he did not mean all that his words would convey. His answer is the usual one with relation to returns which are allowed to drift and to await the pleasure of the copyists or clerks of the departments. I venture to say that this is a case which demands extra speed.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I mean exactly what I said, Mr. Speaker—that there would be no unnecessary delay in preparing this return and bringing it down. If I intended, as the hon. gentleman infers from the language I used, that the matter would be allowed to drift or to await the pleasure of copyists and clerks in the departments, I would not have been telling the truth in saying that I would allow no unnecessary delay.

Mr. MULOCK. Then I understand.

Motion agreed to.

THE DUTY ON BINDER TWINE.

Mr. MULOCK. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following resolution:—

That binder twine be placed upon the free list.

Mr. FOSTER. The hon. gentleman has taken time by the forelock, and has got his motion in as early as it could possibly be brought in, almost before I had the opportunity—indeed, by a few hours, actually before I had the opportunity—to bring down the Budget, which would give the sentiments of the Government with reference to this and other matters before the House. I think, however, in view of the statement which was made that I would be prepared to bring down the Budget and tariff recommendations at a very early day—to-morrow, by the Grace of Her Majesty's Opposition, though their consent is not very cordially afforded me, judging by a conversation which took place