

Agricultural implements and farming stock to be furnished under treaties No. 1 and No. 2, \$16,000. Share of payment of annuities under treaty No. 3, \$19,360. Agricultural implements under treaty No. 3, \$10,000. Ammunition and twine under treaty No. 3, \$1,500. Probable expenses in connection with the Indians of the Saskatchewan, \$6,000; salaries and expenses, \$22,610. Probable expenses in connection with the Indians of British Columbia, \$25,000. Probable expenses in connection with the Indians in Prince Edward Island, \$2,000. Miscellaneous expenditure, \$3,000. Total \$149,100.

On the item of \$149,100 under the head of Indians,

Mr. SCHULTZ expressed the opinion that it was a step fraught with danger to send an armed force among the Indians before having treated with them.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the force was only going among the Indians as a friendly embassy to drive out troublesome persons. He did not think there was the slightest danger to be apprehended.

Mr. SCHULTZ said that was exactly the opinion entertained by the Minnesota Government before the massacre in that State, but as a result of the course of that Government they had been obliged to spend \$20,000,000 in a war with the Indians.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the manner in which the British and Canadian Governments had always treated the Indians had been so different from that in which the Americans had dealt with them that there need be no fear of our having similar troubles with them to what the latter had had.

After a little further discussion, the item passed; as did also those under the heads of Boundary Surveys, \$119,198, and Miscellaneous, \$79,300.

Miscellaneous included the following items: *Canada Gazette*, \$3,900; miscellaneous printing \$5,000; expenses connected with the noon gun at Ottawa, \$400.

Unforeseen expenses, expenditure thereof to be under Order in Council, and a detailed statement to be laid before Parliament during the first fifteen days of the next session, \$50,000.

Commutation in lieu of remission of duties on articles imported for the use of the army and navy, \$10,000.

Salaries and expenses of the council for the Northwest Territories, \$5,000; miscellaneous expenses in the Northwest not otherwise provided for, \$5,000. Total \$79,300.

Under the head of "Customs" were passed the following:—In the Province of Ontario \$209,628; Quebec, \$190,216; New Brunswick, \$88,046; Nova Scotia \$107,659; Manitoba and Northwest Territories, \$9,950; British Columbia \$21,940; Prince Edward Island, \$22,500. Salaries and travelling expenses of inspectors of ports, \$11,000. Contingencies of head office covering printing, stationery, advertising, telegraphing, etc., for the several ports of entry, \$15,000. To law appointments, prosecutions, et cetera, \$10,000. Total \$685,939.

On the last item, in answer to Mr. Wood (Hamilton),

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that servants in the Customs were generally so inefficient that the only way it was intended to promote them was by promoting them out of the service. With regard to the statement made as to the Custom House officers at Montreal having taken an active part in the recent election, he might say it had never been brought to his knowledge, or he would have prohibited it.

Mr. JONES (Halifax) said that he hoped the Premier would extend to Nova Scotia the same rule with regard to Dominion officials interfering in elections that was applied in Ontario. In the last general election everything was done to get these officials to vote for the member for Cumberland (Hon. Mr. Tupper).

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said that the Premier last session moved a resolution in which he declared that it was a high crime for a Minister, directly or indirectly, to use the power of his office in influencing officials to vote for Government candidates, and now that his matter was brought up, he (Hon. Mr. Tupper) would say that there never was a Minister in Canada who abused his position as that hon. gentleman had done.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Name an instance, I challenge the hon. gentleman to give an instance. (*Hear, hear.*)

Hon. Mr. TUPPER went on to say that during the late Dominion elections the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Jones) had said, at a public meeting in the Temperance Hall in that city, that if any official of the Government voted against him, it would be at his peril, and that Mr. Annand had come down there and said that he had just been at Ottawa and seen Mr. Mackenzie, and that gentleman had told him the same thing. He (Hon. Mr. Tupper) contended that in the late elections the present Government had pursued a course quite the reverse of the policy the Premier laid down a year ago, when he held that every official should be as free as air with regard to elections.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the hon. gentleman had acquired a character beyond every man in this country for reckless, scandalous statements and villainous abuse of those opposed to him. (*Hear, hear.*) The hon. gentleman knew, when he said that he (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) was willing that officials should take part in elections, that it was not correct. What he did was to condemn a Post Office Inspector who was endeavouring to coerce officials into voting for the Government candidate.

The hon. gentleman had stated, with the same characteristic recklessness, that there never was a Government that brought the power of office to bear so much on the electors as his (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's) Government did at the last election. He (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie) had challenged the hon. gentleman to prove an instance, and he had not attempted to do so, because he knew that his (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's) hands at least were clean. (*Hear, hear.*)

He knew that the Government published the intimation at a meeting in the Music Hall in Toronto that every public official was debarred from interfering with elections. That he had ever brought pressure to bear on a single officer was entirely and wholly untrue, and he dared the hon. gentleman or his friends to show an instance in which the powers of office had been used for such a purpose. (*Cheers.*)