

upon the subject, in which he states:—"And should the Canadian Government approve of the action of the shipping master at St. John, I shall deem it my duty to instruct the officers of this department to require all shipments of seamen upon British vessels in American ports to be made before the United States Commissioners, and not before foreign Consular Officers."

Mr. TUPPER. The only instructions given to the shipping master at the port of St. John have been to the effect that the provisions of the Act relating to the shipping of seamen should be carried out. The Government has not received the information to which the hon. gentleman alludes.

#### A LOST DREDGE.

Mr. CAMERON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide funds for the purchase or construction of a dredge to replace the dredge which was lost in the Straits of Northumberland during a gale in the fall of 1887?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Government does not intend during this Session to ask money for a new dredge.

#### FISHING IN RIVER MATANE.

Mr. FISET asked, Whether the right of fishing in River Matane has been leased or farmed only? If so, to whom, for how many years, and at what price, and on what conditions has the same been leased?

Mr. TUPPER. The right of angling in this river is leased to Sir Alexander Galt by an indenture dated the 1st of January, 1887. The lease expires in nine years from that date. The consideration of the lease is \$100 a year.

#### CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. BOWELL moved that the House resolve itself into Committee to-morrow to consider the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend "The Customs Act" and the Act amending the same, and to provide: (a) That the bringing of goods into Canada by land conveyance other than railway cars shall be prohibited during the night and on statutory holidays, except under permit and supervision; (b) That the Board of Customs and Dominion appraisers shall be authorised to review the valuations of port appraisers; (c) That in every case the value for duty shall include the charges of transportation and shipment, and shall be that of the quantity imported; (d) That such value shall include any royalty, rent or charge in respect of exclusive rights or territorial limits; (e) That goods entered for warehouse shall be placed therein without delay; (f) That information shall be exigible as to goods in transit through Canada for statistical and other purposes; (g) That the manner of ascertaining the time of exportation from any place out of Canada shall be defined; (h) That moneys deposited in lieu of articles smuggled, and subject to seizure, shall be treated in like manner as if such articles had been seized.

Motion agreed to.

#### INSPECTION, ETC., OF TIMBER AND LUMBER.

Mr. COSTIGAN moved that the House resolve itself into Committee to-morrow to consider the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to assimilate and amend the laws in force in the several Provinces in relation to the inspection, culling and measuring of timber and lumber, and to provide that the Governor in Council may authorise the payment of a sum not exceeding ten dollars a day for each day's actual service, and not exceeding in the whole three hundred dollars in any one year to each examiner of inspectors of timber, and of an annual salary not exceeding two thousand dollars to each chief inspector of timber; that every manufacturer of timber or lumber shall pay to the Crown an annual registration fee of two dollars, if his annual output is less than one million feet, board measure, and of ten dollars when such output is greater, and in addition one-fifth of one cent for each thousand feet, board measure, of timber manufactured by him, except square timber, and one-tenth of one cent for each ton of forty cubic feet of square timber manufactured by him; and that as respects the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, out of the sum so paid, and any moneys granted by Parliament, the Governor in Council may grant annuities, not exceeding two hundred dollars in each case, to such

cullers as are now in receipt of like annuities, or who are not appointed inspectors and whose services are dispensed with.

Motion agreed to.

#### NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN (for Sir JOHN MACDONALD) moved that the House resolve itself into committee to-morrow to consider the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that a pension made be paid to any member of the North-West Mounted Police Force, other than a commissioned officer, for life, if such member joined the force subsequent to the 23rd day of May, 1873, and completed twenty-five years' service, or if, having completed fifteen years' service, he retires in consequence of bodily or mental infirmity, subject to an obligation in the latter case to return to duty if the incapacity ceases; and that the scale on which such pensions shall be calculated shall be as follows:—If the member has completed fifteen but less than twenty-one years' service, one-fiftieth of the annual pay for each completed year of service; twenty-one and less than twenty-five years' service, twenty-fiftieths, and in addition two-fiftieths for every completed year of service over twenty; twenty-five years, thirty-fiftieths, and in addition one-fiftieth for every completed year over twenty-five, not to exceed, however, two-thirds of his annual pay at retirement; and further, that the annual pay shall be deemed to be the average annual pay, exclusive of extra pay or allowances, during the three years preceding retirement; and also that if the infirmity causing the retirement is caused by the default or evil habits of the member retiring, a less amount may be fixed by the Governor in Council as his pension.

Motion agreed to.

#### POST OFFICE ACT.

Mr. HAGGART moved that the House resolve itself into Committee to-morrow to consider the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that the sum payable for registration of a letter, unquestionably containing valuable matter, by an official of the Post Office, in default of its being presented for registration, shall be fixed in like manner as other registration charges; that the postage on local or drop letters shall be two cents per ounce; on periodicals issued less frequently than at intervals of seven days, from office of publication, and on specimen newspapers, one cent per pound; that no periodical may be carried free of postage under the 26th section of "The Post Office Act" if it is published at intervals of more than seven days; that the postage on other printed matter, and on packages of seeds and matters of a cognate description, shall be one cent for each four ounces, and on printer's manuscript and proof, maps, lithographs, photographs, documents partly printed and partly written (not being letters), such as deeds and policies of insurance, and on miscellaneous mailable matter, one cent for each two ounces.

Motion agreed to.

#### REQUEST FOR A MAP.

Mr. CHARLTON. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would ask the permission of the House to have a map of Canada suspended on the wall for the purposes of illustration during the Budget debate. I think it is very likely that the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, as well as other speakers, may wish to refer to it in discussing the question before the House. I presume there will be no objection to this.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. Showing the New England States.

Mr. FOSTER. Canada as it is to be.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I do not suppose there is any objection to the request of the hon. gentleman, if the House wishes a map to be there. Do I understand that the hon. gentleman wants a map while he is speaking?

Mr. CHARLTON. While any member is speaking in this debate, in order to illustrate the geographical relations of the two countries. The map could be hung on the wall just below the Speaker's gallery.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I understand that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries does not require a map, but after he is through, if the hon. gentleman wishes a map it can be hung up for his speech.