

It now transpired that the Board of Trade had mistaken "Tim" for "Jim," and had ordered the money to be paid to James Sullivan, of Chatham. There however, was no James Sullivan in Chatham, but a person of that name in Douglastown getting word of the transaction, probably by intercepting some of the previous letters, managed to get the one containing the draft also, and going with it to the Bank of Montreal at Newcastle, got identified as James Sullivan, drew the money and absconded. Timothy Sullivan and his wife, are both old infirm people, without any family able to assist in their support, and are very much in want of this money. I think it extremely hard they should be deprived of it through no fault of theirs, and trust the hon. Minister will present their case strongly to the Board of Trade, London, and endeavour to get their money for them. The Board of Trade, has, I understand, a large amount of unclaimed money in their possession, got under similar circumstances, and I consider this as a just claim on that fund. Failing in this, I would urge the Government to take this extreme and special case into their consideration, and pay this small sum of \$241, that appears so large to these poor people. The case is so exceptional it could not be construed into a precedent, and could not open a door to future difficulty.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P. E. I.): The papers asked for can be laid on the Table. The facts of the case are pretty much as the hon. gentleman has represented them. The mistake was made in London, and the Canadian Government is not liable for the amount, which should have gone to Tim Sullivan. We will do our best to procure the amount from the Board of Trade, and pay it to the old man. But, not being liable for it, we have no right to pay it out of the public moneys of the Dominion. The James Sullivan, who got the money, absconded, and has not been heard of since.

*Motion agreed to.*

#### TORONTO FIELD BATTERY.

##### MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. WALLACE (West York), in moving for an Order of the House for a Return of all correspondence between the Inspector of Artillery, at Kingston, and

the Officer commanding the Toronto Field Battery, relative to the issue of nine-pounder M.L.R. Sponges, previous to said corps going into camp last year; also, the proceedings of the Medical Board, and their Report in the case of Gunner Dempster, of the Toronto Field Battery, said: My object in moving for this Return is, in the first place, to call the attention of the Government to the fact which the Returns when brought down will show, that the Officer commanding the Toronto Field Battery has made repeated requisitions and requests to Colonel Irwin, the officer in charge of the stores at Kingston, for these sponges, or he would not be responsible for the lives of the men, and that great risk was incurred by using the old sponges. Colonel Irwin replied that the old ones would do, and refused to furnish the new ones required. The result was, that Gunner Dempster, while in the discharge of his duty, in assisting to reload, had his hand blown off. I think that the Government should enquire into the conduct of Col. Irwin more particularly, and give that personage to understand that he must pay some regard to the lives and safety of the volunteer service. We are bringing men of that class from the old country to control, and in cases, like the present, to injure the Volunteer Force. My next object in bringing the matter up is to call the attention of the Government to the case of Gunner Dempster, and that they will consider it to be their duty to grant him a liberal allowance for the injuries that he has sustained through no error of his own.

MR. MASSON: I do not exactly know the details of this affair, but I do know it is the intention of the Government to indemnify the engineer for the accident that occurred. At present I understand the accident occurred from firing a gun too soon, by a mistake in the word of command.

*Motion agreed to.*

#### MAIL SERVICE IN BRUCE.

##### MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. GILLIES, in moving for an Order of the House for copies of correspondence relating to the extension of the evening mail service from Walkerton to Paisley, Port Elgin and Southampton, said: During the Sessions of 1876, 1877, and 1878,