

against is the want of co-operation on the part of the settlers and farmers who live in the vicinity of the lakes and streams; and until they do their duty it is almost impossible for the small staff of public officers to give anything like effective protection to all the waters of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. FLINT—The gentleman to whom I referred is Mr. Wilkins, of Belleville, who was sent to examine into this matter, and he is still awaiting instructions ever since he made his report. So far as I am concerned I am desirous of doing all in my power to assist the Government in protecting our inland fisheries.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL explained that he understood that the difficulty in the case of the gentleman alluded to was that the Government found it necessary to limit the staff to a certain sum of money for travelling expenses. That gentleman had more than once exceeded the limit, and he was not now in a position to move in the matter unless he travelled without pay.

Hon. Mr. SKEAD—This subject is very important, and I am glad attention has been called to it by the hon. gentleman opposite. Whilst I am willing to accord due credit for what has been done by the Department, I must say that they are derelict if they do not ask for a large sum to protect the fisheries in question. I have known large quantities of fish taken by spear and nets in the fall, and through the winter, in the direction of the Ottawa River—not by the foreigners spoken of, but by people from the Canadian side of Lake Ontario. I believe the Government ought to have a Fishery Inspector in every county.

#### POSTAL FACILITIES.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN asked the Government whether any arrangement has been proposed, or is intended to be proposed by the Government of the Dominion to the Government of the United States whereby articles of a bulky nature, such as are carried by parcel post or book post, may be transmitted from one country to the other at a uniform and cheap rate by mail? His attention, he said, had been called to the question by the fact of many persons being anxious to get seeds from dealers in the United States. At present, the expense was great, as much as the value of the package itself. He also asked leave to add to his question an enquiry whether the money order system could not be carried out between Canada and the United States.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL replied that no arrangement was likely to be made in the face of the Customs difficulties, which appear insurmountable. As respects the Money Order system, the Government were anxious to see it established, but they found it was not likely to be attained whilst the United States adhered to their present currency.

#### MESSAGE.

A Message was received from the Commons with the Bill respecting Larceny of Stamps, and malicious injuries to property.

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, 29th April, 1872.

The SPEAKER took the chair at eight o'clock.

#### PETITIONS.

Hon. Mr. HAZEN, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reported favorably on the following petitions:

Of the Honorable L. H. Holton, and others; praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railway through the southern frontier of the Province of Quebec, between the River St. Lawrence and the River Richelieu.

Of Geo. H. Wilkes, and others; praying to be incorporated as a Company for the purpose of constructing Water Works on the improved plan of the patent obtained by Charles H. Waterous, of the Town of Brantford.

Of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund, of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of C. Grindon, and others, of St. John, in reference to certain debentures.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACK gave notice of motion with respect to the lighthouse off St. Margaret's Bay.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE gave notice with respect to the report of geological survey.

#### BILLS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, the Bill from the House of Commons with reference to larceny of stamps was read a second time.

Also a bill to correct a clerical error in the law respecting malicious injuries to property.