

appointed a Judge of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec? If so, what is the date of the Order in Council appointing him? If not, has the position been offered to him, and has he declared his intention to accept or to refuse it?

Mr. THOMPSON. An Order in Council was passed appointing this gentleman a judge. He has not yet signified his acceptance of the office.

#### RELIEF OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG.

Mr. McLELAN moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday next, to consider the following resolution:—

That it is expedient to relieve the corporation of the town of Cobourg by releasing an amount of their debt to the Government, equal to the sum contributed by the corporation towards defraying the cost of constructing the harbour of refuge at Cobourg.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I suppose this was part of the assets the hon. gentleman brought down the other day in reduction of our gross debt?

Mr. McLELAN. Yes.

Motion agreed to.

#### THE CLAIMS OF MANITOBA.

Mr. McLELAN moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday next, to consider the following resolution:—

That it is expedient to remove doubts under section 6 of the Act 48-49 Victoria, chapter 50, for the final settlement of the claims of Manitoba on the Dominion, by declaring in what manner the rate *per capita* therein mentioned shall be calculated.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. In what way do you propose to calculate it?

Mr. McLELAN. The hon. gentleman will remember that on the formation of Manitoba into a Province, a certain amount per head was given to that Province, based on an estimated population of 17,000. In 1873 a further sum of about \$70,000 was added. The terms of the agreement between the Manitoba delegates and the Government should have embraced both of these sums, and it is doubtful whether the Act refers to both or only to the allowance that was made originally. This measure is to remove that doubt.

Motion agreed to.

#### EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATIONS.

Mr. CARLING moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday next, to consider the following resolution:—

That it is expedient to empower the Governor in Council to establish an experimental farm station, or experimental farm stations, and to acquire a limited extent of land, and set apart a limited extent of the public lands of Canada for that purpose, and for the purpose of tree planting and timber growing; and also to fix the rate of remuneration of persons employed to carry such provisions into effect, such remuneration to be paid out of monies voted by Parliament for that purpose; and further to provide that such reports, samples, plants, and other products as are designated by the Minister of Agriculture, shall be transmitted by mail free of charge, subject to regulations made by the Postmaster-General.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I would suggest to my hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture that it would be expedient to give us a little general explanation as to what he proposes to do. Then we shall be in a better position to discuss the matter when we return after the recess.

Mr. CARLING. I should be very glad indeed to give any explanation; but I am suffering from a very severe cold to-day, and hardly feel able to go into it. If the hon. gentleman will allow the matter to stand till Tuesday, I will give the explanation then.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. LANCELIER.

#### REPRESENTATION OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES IN PARLIAMENT.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 115) respecting the representation of the North-West Territories in the Parliament of Canada. He said: The Bill provides that on a day to be fixed by proclamation, the North-West Territories shall be represented. The Territory of Assiniboia will have two members; the Territories of Alberta and Saskatchewan will each have one member. The Territory of Athabasca has no population to speak of, and therefore is not included in the Bill. The Bill provides that for the present the franchise shall be the same as that which now obtains for election to the Territorial Council of the North-West, and the provisions of the Bill are, in fact, taken from the measures which are now law in the Territories respecting representation in the North-West Council.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved:

That a humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing that for the good government of the several Territories forming part of the Dominion of Canada, and not included within any Province thereof, it is expedient that provision should be made for their representation in the Parliament of Canada, and praying that she may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Imperial Parliament to empower the Parliament of Canada from time to time to make provision for such representation.

He said: In 1871, the Imperial Parliament passed an Act to enable the Dominion Parliament to form Provinces out of the Territories which had been acquired by arrangement with the Hudson Bay Company, and when Territories were formed into Provinces to give Parliament the power of giving them the right of representation. The Act was passed in 1871, to remove doubt as to our power to create Manitoba a Province, and our action in that regard was confirmed by Imperial Statute. The first clause says:

“The Parliament of Canada may, from time to time, establish new Provinces in any of the Territories forming, for the time being, part of the Dominion of Canada, but not included in any Province thereof, and may at the time of such establishment (this was the establishment of a Territory as a Province) make provision for the constitution and administration of any such Province, and for the passing of laws for the peace, order and good government of such Province, and for its representation in the said Parliament.”

Thus, it conferred upon the Administration the power of declaring a Territory to be a Province, and, when so declared, to give the new Province representation in the Dominion Parliament, but it does not provide that a Territory not declared a Province may have representation here. Therefore, to remove any doubt—and I think it is more than a doubt; it is a certainty that we have not the power—it is proposed we should ask the Imperial Parliament to grant that power. No doubt, it will be granted. Hon. gentlemen who were in Parliament in 1871 may remember that the Act of 1871 was passed on the representation of the Government of that day, of which I was a member, and the Opposition took exception to our having, although the Act was right in itself, asked the Imperial Parliament to make any alteration or addition in the charter of our Constitution, without the previous assent of the Dominion Parliament. There was a great deal in that argument, and therefore I have brought down this resolution, to obtain the consent of Parliament to apply to Her Majesty to lay before the Imperial Parliament a measure giving us the power required.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I suppose, as a matter of fact, the hon. gentleman will himself prepare this Bill, or cause it to be prepared here, and then transmit it to England. I suppose also, in conformity with the spirit of his present remarks, he will, at any rate, allow us the opportunity of seeing what he proposes to do.