

tolls could be reduced. That rate was now diminished to 10 per cent., and it was proposed that subsidies should not be counted. It seems to me that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have gone up a great deal more that was ever asked or expected from any other railway company; yet hon. gentleman opposite were not satisfied. If it is watered or bogus stock, it is not capital expended on the road. There is nothing in the objection taken by the hon. member for West Durham (Mr. Blake), and the hon. gentleman appears to have raised it just for the purpose of making it.

Bill read the second time, considered in Committee, and reported.

MARINE TELEGRAPH LINES.

Bill (No. 97) to establish a Marine Telegraph between the Pacific coast of Canada and Asia—(Mr. Langevin).—read the second time, considered in Committee and reported.

SUPPLY.

House again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

226. Ottawa drill shed, amount required.....\$ 550 00

Mr. MACKENZIE. Will the hon. gentleman state, with regard to this item of \$550 for the Ottawa drill shed, what has been the contribution of the Government to this building, and what that of the municipality.

Mr. LANGEVIN. The total amount expended was \$27,555. I cannot say whether this was all Government money or not.

227. Ottawa Geological Museum \$9,250 00

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. What has been the total cost, up to date, of the purchase and fitting up of this Museum?

Mr. LANGEVIN. \$29,938 up to 30th December last. The \$9,250 are for a number of changes and improvements in the building required by the Chief of the Geological Staff. The cost of the building was \$20,000.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. And we are spending about \$20,000 more on it.

Mr. LANGEVIN. There was a contract for the building amounting to \$10,000, and additions called for \$3,500 or \$4,000 more. The floors near the front of the building were found to be not on the same level as those in the portion of the building on George Street. We had to put on a new roof and took that opportunity to place the floors on the proper level. The repairs make it a very good building, which will meet all the requirements of the Geological Museum.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. From whom was the property purchased?

Sir JOHN. A. MACDONALD. It belonged to Mr. Sked once; but he had mortgaged it to a loan company.

Mr. MILLS. I do not think this building is suitable for the purpose of a Geological Museum, as it will be insufficiently lighted, and because, by its contiguity to carriage ways, it will be open to the admission of dust.

Mr. LANGEVIN. On the contrary, the building is well lighted, and as to the dust, unless we had a building out on the Common, we could scarcely effect any improvement in that respect. I do not think a building more suitable could be obtained in any of our large cities.

Mr. GAULT. I think it is a pity the Museum was removed from Montreal, as that was the most suitable place for it.

237. To pay Wm. Kingsford, Esq., Civil Engineer, as compensation for lost of employment as Engineer in charge of Harbor and River Works, Ontario and Quebec, &c., at the rate of \$3,300 per annum..... \$1,650 00

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Is this gentleman now employed by the department?

Mr. LANGEVIN. No.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. I forget the tenure of his office. He was for a very long time employed in the public service. Why was he dismissed?

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Kingsford was employed for a long time in the department, but the special work for which he was employed was no long required under the new arrangement of the department. We, therefore, dispensed with his services, and the question of compensation came up. He claimed compensation on account of his having been discharged. The tenure of his office was not very clearly explained by papers in the department, and Mr. Kingsford produced a letter from the late head of the department to show that, though he was not a permanent officer, nevertheless the Government of the day had thought he should have some more firm position than an ordinary clerk or engineer, and, therefore, he was paid by the year. Mr. Kingsford having claimed a year's salary the matter was referred by us to the hon. Minister of Justice in order to know how far I could go in that direction. The hon. Minister of Justice reported that Mr. Kingsford had no legal claim; nevertheless, after considering the matter, I thought some compensation should be given, and I recommended accordingly that Mr. Kingsford should be paid six months salary.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Then no fault was found with him.

Mr. LANGEVIN. I made no complaint against Mr. Kingsford; he was discharged because of the changes in the department.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Is no one employed to do work at the harbors of Quebec and Ontario?

Mr. LANGEVIN. The Chief Engineer of the Department now does that work. We have not any special engineer to look after the engineers in Quebec and Ontario, in Mr. Kingsford was employed; now the Chief Engineer does it.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Who is the Chief Engineer.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Perley.

Mr. MACKENZIE. And who does the work that Mr. Perley formerly did in the Lower Provinces.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Boyd has been employed during the summer to superintend the works there, but after the season he returned to headquarters and assisted Mr. Perley in preparing plans.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Can the hon. gentleman give a statement of the expenditure on engineering surveys in Quebec and Ontario last year.

Mr. LANGEVIN. I have a comparative statement of the cost of those surveys in 1878, 1879 and 1880. In 1878, under the old régime, Mr. Kingsford being then employed, the staff numbered nine, number of surveys eleven, total expenditure \$14,715, cost of each survey \$1,337. In 1879, after the charge had taken place staff numbered twelve, surveys thirteen, total expenditure \$16,007, cost of each survey \$1,231. In 1880 the staff was increased to sixteen, engineers and assistants, surveys forty-four, amount expended \$19,794, cost of each survey \$449. Hon. gentlemen will see that, though the expenditure was larger, the number of surveys was also largely increased, while the average cost was reduced; and that was the object desired to be accomplished in making the change.