

Railway sections, but the contract calling for lands which are fairly fit for settlement, it is clear that a very large portion of these sections will not be available. It is also stated authentically, though not officially by the Government, that the very large blocks of land at the southern part of Manitoba have been awarded to the Company as part of its land subsidy. The time has then arrived, when several million acres of land have been earned, and, as far as we know, allocated to the Company, for the House to see what the general position of the land grant is, and the railway route.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Anticipating the motion of the hon. gentleman, I have had prepared a map, which shows all the information that this motion asks for, so far as the location of the railway is concerned. It will show from Montreal to Port Moodie the exact present position of the work, it shows the portion of the line in operation, the portion on which the track is laid, but which is not in operation, the portion under construction, the portion located, and applies both to the main line and to the branches. I think, therefore, it will be found to convey very fully what the hon. gentleman's motion asks for, except the allocations of the land, and that is being prepared in the Department of the hon. Minister of the Interior, and will be laid on the Table supplementary to this. It is more convenient to separate the two, because we require a larger scale for the allocations of the land.

Mr. BLAKE. In the map which shows the allocations of the land, there should be laid down also the route of the railway and its branches.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Yes.

Motion agreed to.

#### COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

Mr. BLAKE, in moving for copies of all despatches, telegrams and correspondence between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada; and between the Government of Canada and the High Commissioner, touching negotiations for commercial arrangements with France, Spain, or other countries; and of all reports of the High Commissioner on the subject, said: I moved last Session, very early, an address similar to this, and I was informed that the papers would be laid on the Table, but so far as I have been able to ascertain they have not been laid on the Table. I do not know if there were any papers to lay, but no response was made last Session to the address. I have moved once again, in order, if possible, to obtain such information as we can with reference to negotiations which have occurred, not merely since last Parliament was prorogued, but also before that time. The question of trade negotiations, both with reference to France and Spain, has decorated the Speech from the Throne once or twice, and ornamental paragraphs on it were proposed, duly delivered and received, as they ought to be, with great courtesy and acquiescence by this House, but as for fruits we have not yet had any. I have seen in the papers that application has since been made by the Government of the French Republic for the postponement of these negotiations, as far as France is concerned, until the happy day arrives when a commercial treaty shall have been made with her by the United Kingdom. I do not know whether that statement was authentic or not, but it was stated with some degree of positiveness, and it is important we should have all the information possible on the subject.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The correspondence asked for is in the hands of the printers, and I hope to be able to bring it down at an early day. I do not recollect at this moment the circumstances that prevented its being submitted last Session, but I am under the impression that

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some important correspondence was not complete at the time.

Motion agreed to.

#### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Mr. BURPEE (St. John) moved for a return showing the imports and exports from the 1st of July, 1882, to January 1st, 1883, giving quantities and descriptions similar to that usually published in the *Gazette* (monthly imports), and the countries from which imported and to which exported.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I have no objection to this motion except the last part of it, which would involve enormous labor of giving the details of all the sales of the calendar year. The gross amount of money received, the gross amount of sales, perhaps, in each township or each agency could be given; but the return of each sale and each individual of the 50,000 or 60,000 people who have gone in there would involve enormous expense and labor, and we have no value for it then.

Mr. BURPEE (St. John). I have no objection to amending it in that way so as to give the gross amount.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Very well.

Mr. BLAKE. I think it would be well and would add much to the value of the return, to have a statement of the sales to corporations with the names of the corporations.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I will get at once the returns of sales from each agency, and if I can get from each township I will do so.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

#### MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

Motions for the following Returns were severally agreed to:—

Return of the Receipts and Expenditures in detail, chargeable to the Consolidated Fund from July 1st, 1882, to February 1st, 1883.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Return showing the quantity in tons of coal exported from each port in Nova Scotia for the year ending June 30th, 1882; also, for the six months ending December 31st, 1882, and the countries to which exported; also, quantities sent by railway and by water (separately) to any ports of Quebec and Ontario, naming places sent to.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Return of all claims presented for drawback on materials used for shipbuilding for the year ending June 30th, 1882; also, for the six months ending December 31st, 1882; giving the name of the applicant, the name and tonnage of the vessel, the amount claimed, and the amount paid.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Statement of the Revenue and working expenses of the Intercolonial Railway, accrued for the six months of each year ended December 31st, 1880, 1881 and 1882, under the several divisions; similar to Annual Statement B, Intercolonial Railway in the Public Accounts.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Return showing the total amount of money received by the Government from the sales of Dominion Lands in Manitoba and the North-West Territories during the calendar year 1882; the number of sales, amount received in each Agency and each Township, the names of the Companies to whom sales have been made, the area sold to, and amount received from each.—(Mr. Burpee, St. John.)

Return showing the quantity of Rolling Stock purchased for the Intercolonial Railway, during the year ending December 31st, 1882; giving each kind of Rolling Stock, and whether purchased under contract or otherwise. The parties from whom bought and the cost of each kind: Also,