

The item Montreal Post Office, \$4,000, was struck out, as some extensive alterations in that building are contemplated.

In the items of lighthouses, the sum for Point St. Laurent was made \$10,000.

The items for Nine Mile Point, Kingston, were struck out.

The remaining items under head of lighthouses were carried.

The item \$15,500 for roads and bridges was also carried with \$70,000 for arbitration and awards; \$58,000 rents and repairs on public buildings.

On the item \$10,000 for purchase of land for construction of hospital and quarantine station at Halifax.

**Mr. McDonald (Lunenburg)**, stigmatized the matter as a job and a fraud on the Dominion.

**Hon. Mr. Rose** said the Government would see that the Dominion got a fair return for its expenditure.

The item passed and the balance of items for public works, also items for lighthouses and coast services \$192,501.53, and for ocean and river steamer services, \$136,600.

The item \$13,400 for fisheries, Quebec and Ontario, passed.

On the item \$5,000 for salaries of about fifty-seven overseers, ranging from \$300 to \$400 each and of local officers and guardians, including their disbursements—it was objected that the maintenance of this service was not binding on the Dominion.

**Hon. Mr. Rose** said that in some respects they had extended to Nova Scotia the system that prevailed in Canada.

**Hon. Mr. Holton** thought it very extraordinary that the system which prevailed in Quebec and Ontario, where fishing was only a minor interest, should be extended to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where fishing was not a minor interest, and where, it was to be supposed, they had adopted a more efficient system for the protection of their interests than had been in use in Quebec and Ontario.

**Sir J. A. Macdonald** said that the Government would make inquiry into the matter, and if, as had been contended, the Dominion was not responsible for the maintenance of these overseers, the Government would be only too happy to be rid of the expense.

The item was carried.

As to the item under the head Fisheries, \$5,000—indemnity of fishermen who had acted under faith in existing law,

**Hon. Mr. Rose** said he wished it struck out, as the Government intended to discontinue the bounty system.

**Mr. Jones (Halifax)** claimed that this was a direct breach of faith by the Government, as they had led the people of the Lower Provinces to believe that the Bounty system would be continued and extended if Union candidates were returned. A dispatch to that effect had been forwarded to an official in the Lower Provinces by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

**Mr. Blake** laughingly exonerated the Government from the charges preferred by the member from Halifax. The charge was that the Government had broken faith, as they promised to extend the system of Bounties to Nova Scotia if the Union candidates were returned. Now the honourable gentleman making the charge was an "Anti", and hence it was clear that the Government was exonerated. (Laughter).

**Mr. Mackenzie** said that the famous dispatch alluded to ought to be produced. (Laughter). It would be quite a curiosity.

**Sir J. A. Macdonald** said he had just been informed that the dispatch in question ran thus—"I will press on the Government of the Dominion the extension to Nova Scotia of the Canadian system of Bounties."

The item was struck out.

The remaining items under the Fisheries were carried.

The item \$144,648.47, indemnities under Seigniorial Acts carried; also the item \$8,490 annuities and grants to Indians.

The following items then passed:—Culling timber, \$70,500; railway and steamboat inspection, \$12,162.

On the item included in the latter, of \$3,550 for railway inspection,

**Mr. Jones (Leeds)** said he never could understand what these overseers did. When an accident happened, they came along and made a report on the subject, but he never yet heard of a case in which an accident had been prevented by these inspectors. (Loud and continued laughter).

**Hon. Mr. Rose** said he never heard of such a case either. (Laughter).