

## POISONS

**Mr. Stephenson**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a measure to regulate the sale of poisons within this Dominion?

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said regulations for the sale of poisons would be included in the measure, with reference to the criminal law, which it was the intention of the Government to introduce.

## NOVA SCOTIA RELIEF

**Mr. Cartwright**—Whether the Government have received further information of the existence of increase of destitution among the fishermen of Nova Scotia, and whether it is their intention to ask the House for any appropriation to relieve the same?

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said the Government had no late information as to the destitution among the fishermen of Nova Scotia, and it was not their intention to ask an appropriation for their relief, unless further information was received.

## CANADIAN PAPAL ZOUAVES

**Mr. F. Jones**—Whether the Government employed any means to prevent the departure from this country of a body of young men, known as the Papal Zouaves, who left Canada with the avowed intention of fighting against a nation with which Great Britain and Canada are at peace—many of these young men having received instruction at the public expense in our Military Schools.

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said it was not within the knowledge of the Government that any body of young men known as the Papal Zouaves had left Canada with the avowed intention of fighting against a nation with which Great Britain and Canada are at peace. As regarded the young men who had gone, the Government did not know who of them might have received instruction at the Military Schools (Laughter).

## PATENTS FOR INDIAN LANDS

**Mr. Thompson (Haldimand)**—Whether the Government have made any arrangement for issuing of Patent Deeds for Indian lands that have been paid for in full, if so, what?

**Hon. Mr. Langevin** said the patents for Indian lands which had been paid for in full, were being prepared, and were being issued as fast as they could be prepared.

[Sir John A. Macdonald (Kingston).]

## MUNICIPAL LOAN FUND

**Mr. O'Connor** moved for a return of sums paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of the Upper Canada Municipal Loan Fund, under the provisions of the Seigniorial Acts. Carried.

## FATHER McMAHON

**Mr. Masson** moved for the correspondence respecting the liberation by Royal pardon of Rev. Mr. McMahon and other Fenian prisoners. He said he had been led to make this motion by having read in the debates of the English House of Commons, that instructions had been given to the representative of the American Government to demand the immediate release of the Fenian prisoners who were confined in the penitentiaries or prisons of Canada. He wished to ascertain whether there had been any correspondence on the subject with our Government which could be laid before the House.

The motion carried.

## C.B. AND K.C.B.

**Dr. Parker** moved for copies of any representation addressed to His Excellency by members of this House, respecting the marks of royal favour which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon them, and of all despatches on the same subject to or from the Colonial Secretary. He said that in the early part of the session he had made a motion which he now rose to renew. He was not satisfied with the reasons on which the withdrawal of his motion was then urged, and he hoped Government would now agree to let the correspondence be brought down. It might be said—what had the House to do with this matter? He replied, everything. If those honours had been conferred on gentlemen in their private character on account of their contributions to literature, science, or art, the matter would be beyond the cognizance of this House. But these honours were conferred by the Home Government on recipients of them, as representing these Provinces in an important matter; and if they were beyond the cognizance of this House, our public men would be open to undue influence by the Crown, and might be led to undertake agitations for constitutional changes not in the public interest, and with a view to their own personal advancement. Again, the Crown exercising its prerogative, acted under advice, and it might fairly be assumed that advice was given on behalf of