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The report of the Minister of Justice on which it was founded was dated 25th February. A payment to the Provinces became due in January. He assumed it was made in some form, and that the Government being in possession of the award, some decision must have been come to prior to that payment. The order upon which it was made must be an Order in Council, without which the papers were not complete.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said he had much pleasure in informing the hon. gentleman there was no such paper. The Government had taken no action on the award. The payments were made to the Provinces on the same footing as formerly.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON: How could they have been made in the face of the award without the Government deciding to act on it or disregard it?

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER: That was the fact. In January the award was in possession of the Government, as also the protest from the Quebec Government. The Canadian Government thought proper irrespective of the award to make the payments as before.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON: There is no record of such decision.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER: The fact of the payment was as good.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS repeated this statement adding that the old payments had to be made till an order was given to the contrary.

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MOTIONS

Mr. BROUSSEAU moved that the correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments relative to the *Manitoba* Bill,—and the correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Governments of Ontario and Quebec, with other documents respecting the award of the Arbitrators, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.—Carried.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) moved that a Return be laid before this House shewing the number of insurance companies which have made the deposits required by 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 47, up to the date of said Return; distinguishing between Canadian and foreign companies, and between fire, marine, life and accidents companies; specifying the name of the Company, when incorporated, where the head office in *Canada* is located, the amount deposited under the provisions in the above, or any other Act, when deposited, whether for the benefit of Canadian Policy holders or for that of Policy holders generally; also the numbers and

names of Companies that have ceased to do business in *Canada* and have withdrawn such deposits, if any.—Carried.

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QUESTIONS

Mr. RENAUD asked whether it is the intention of the Government to make, during the present session, any change in the Tariff under which the consumers of flour in the Maritime Provinces are the principal sufferers.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS: I hope at an early day to state the intentions of the Government.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT: To make a flowery statement. (*Laughter.*)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Westmorland) asked whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for the uniformity of the laws relative to property and civil rights under the authority of the 94th clause of the British North America Act.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER replied Government did not intend to do more than was done the other day, namely, submit to the consideration of the House the preliminary report of Hon. Mr. Gray.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL asked whether in the account transmitted to the British Government for the expenses incurred by Canada, in consequence of Fenian raids, the expense incurred by New Brunswick for like services previous to Confederation was included.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER replied the Government has transmitted to the Imperial Government the claims for indemnity for any losses that may have been incurred either by the Dominion Government, any of the Provinces, or any inhabitant in any part.

Mr. THOMPSON (Haldimand) asked whether it is the intention of the Government to re-establish the money order office at the Indiana Post Office, Province of Ontario; if so, when; if not, why not?

Hon. Mr. TUPPER: The office was suspended in consequence of the inability of the Postmaster to carry on the business correctly. The Government, unhappily, were not more fortunate in the appointment of a successor, for the same difficulty arose. A new appointment had been made, and measures were now in progress to re-establish the money order office at that place.

Mr. FORTIN asked whether the government have received any communications from the Governments of Ontario or Quebec,