

ceiver General's office \$9,467 from the County of Cape Breton, arising from the sale of Crown Lands, while the sum contributed by that county to the revenue of the Province, including amount of outstanding lands, amounts to \$37,164, from Inverness \$27,138, Richmond \$16,476, Victoria \$23,606.

And yet, would it be believed, that altho' it is five or six years since the law was put upon the Statute Book, there had not been a single cent of the money appropriated either by this or any previous Government for the purpose pointed out in the Act.

He had asked the Government for an advance of \$3,000 which was absolutely required for the roads of the county he represented (Inverness) and altho' there had been actually paid into the Receiver General's Office, from that County since the passing of the Act, the sum of \$10,153, which after deducting therefrom the cost of all surveys made in the County since the Act, leaves a balance at this day of \$6,949 in the Treasury, yet the Government have refused to give a single cent for the purpose recommended in the Act. He thought the House would agree with him that this was not right. The Act referred to was passed by this Legislature—and that for the purpose referred to. He could not suppose that it was intended that it should remain a nullity upon the Statute Book, and therefore desired to have it enforced. The hon. gentleman said he had risen for the purpose of contradicting the statements made in the early part of this Session by the hon. Prov. Secy. and the hon. leader of the Opposition now sent broadcast by the hon gentlemen over the Province, that Cape Breton enjoyed all moneys coming from its Crown Lands, which last assertion was not supported to the extent of one cent. He also asked the Prov. Sec. what the reasons of the Government were for not carrying out the provisions of the law, and whether the Govt. intended in the future, as in the past, to treat the law as a nullity.

Hon Prov. Sec. was not sorry that this matter had been brought to the notice of the House. He did not think that any reply was needed from him, as the clause of the Act to which the hon. gentleman had alluded, sufficiently answered every statement he had made.

He (the Prov. Sec.) was afraid that the remark he had made in debate, in a somewhat jocular manner—that it was in the power of the members for Cape Breton—by combining together, to deal a fatal blow at the Government, had had an unhappy effect. From the remarks that had fallen on the previous evening from a gentleman who had usually ranked himself as a supporter of the Government, and from the style of observations just made, he was inclined to think that there was a disposition on the part of some of the members for that Island to assume an attitude of dictation to the Government. Now, he wished it to be understood at the outset, that important as he considered it to be for the Country, that the present Government should continue to occupy the Treasury benches, and that the Province should enjoy for some time to come, the advanta-

ges of so excellent a Government, yet he had no hesitation in saying, that he would rather resign the position he held, and retire into the cold shades of opposition, than yield to unfair dictation from any combination of gentlemen. As regards the complaint of the member from Inverness, he had only to turn to the Estimates to prove that no other part of the Province had received so much consideration as the Island of Cape Breton, and at no time had the members for that section less cause to complain than the present.

Ever since he had the honor of a seat in that House, he had done his utmost to assist the members for Cape Breton, in their attempts to obtain for that Island that consideration which its importance deserved, and now after the Government had shown a disposition, which no previous Government had ever done, to deal liberally with its wants, he would ask whether this was time, or the occasion, for any gentlemen from Cape Breton, least of all, for any one pretending to be a supporter of the Government, to assume an attitude of defiance and dictation.

The hon. Prov. Sec. here referred to the large provision made in the estimates for the various public services in Cape Breton, and to the pledge of the Government, that they would undertake the construction of the wharf at Port Hood, and asked whether in view of all this, it was fair for any member from that county, to complain of not having received proper consideration at the hands of the Government. As regards the facts of this case, he would say that the hon gentleman himself, was one of those who assisted in breaking up the system by which these monies were to be paid into the Treasury, and which had the effect of throwing the whole thing into confusion.

MR. McDONNELL—That was done before I came into the House.

HON. PROV. SEC.—was under the impression that he was a party to the arrangement, at all events the law of 1859 was altered so, as to produce great confusion.

The hon. gentleman here read the act, and said it was the intention of the Government, to comply with its spirit and letter. They intended as they had already informed the members for Cape Breton, to obtain reports from the Crown Land Surveyors, as to the localities most requiring aid, so as to carry out the provisions of the law in such a way, as would be best for the interests of the whole Province, as well as for the advantage of the Island. The hon gentleman concluded by regretting that he should be called upon to denounce in the terms he had done this unfair attempt to prejudice the government in the eyes of the people of Cape Breton.

MR. BOUBINOT, as far as he was concerned, denied the existence of any combination on the part of the members for Cape Breton, and he was not aware that this matter was coming up. He must do the Government the credit to say, that they had done more justice to Cape Breton than any previous one, altho he was not, prepared to admit that she had ever yet received her just rights.

MR. BLANCHARD was pleased to hear the assurance of the leader of the Government, that