

history, and confident in the promises of its future—or the gradual estrangement of that empire's component parts, and its ultimate disintegration ?

' This is not the time to sit down and fold one's hands. It is time for those who believe in the future of our empire to speak about it.'

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). His Excellency attended the banquet as a guest of the board of trade of the city of Montreal, and, in answer to the toast to his health, expressed his own personal views.

DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY.

Mr. INGRAM asked :

1. Were tenders received during the current year for the supplying of fuel for Dorchester Penitentiary ?
2. If so, what are names of the tenderers ?
3. What were the prices quoted by the respective tenderers ?
4. Was the lowest or any tender accepted ? If not, why not ?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick) :

1. Yes.
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	Per ton.	
	Screenings.	Run of Mine.
Cumberland Railway and Coal Company.. . . .	\$3 10	\$3 85
Acadia Coal Company.. . . .	3 00	4 00
Canada Coals and Railway Company.. . . .	3 00	3 60
Minudie Coal Company...	2 40	3 65
Maritime Coal Company	2 35	3 05

4. The lowest tender was accepted.

PURCHASE OF BLANKETS, &c.

Mr. BLAIN—by Mr. Lancaster—asked :

When was the last lot of blankets, web cloth and half hose purchased ; and what were the quantities and prices, and from whom were they purchased ?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The hon. gentleman (Mr. Blain) is not here, and it is impossible to know what department he refers to. If he will be kind enough to particularize, we will be glad to give the answer.

JUDGES OF PROVINCIAL COURTS.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick) moved that the House go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution :—

That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting the Judges of Provincial Courts ; and to Mr. BOURASSA.

provide that the salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the North-west Territories shall be \$5,000, and of five puisne judges of the said court, each, \$4,000 per annum.

Motion agreed to.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick) moved that the House go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolutions :—

1. Resolved, That the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Ontario shall be as follows :

	Per annum.
The Chief Justice of Ontario.. . . .	\$6,000
Four Justices of Appeal, each.. . . .	5,000
The Chief Justice of the King's Bench..	6,000
Two Judges of the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division, each..	5,000
The Chancellor of Ontario.. . . . .	6,000
Two Judges of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division, each.. . . .	5,000
The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas	6,000
Two Judges of the High Court of Justice, Common Pleas Division, each..	5,000
The Chief Justice of the Exchequer Division.. . . . .	6,000
Two Judges of the High Court of Justice, Exchequer Division, each.....	5,000

2. Resolved, That if the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, the Chancellor of Ontario, the Chief Justice of the Commons Pleas, or the Chief Justice of the Exchequer Division, is appointed to the Court of Appeal, the Governor in Council may direct that he be paid a salary not less than that previously enjoyed by him as such Chief Justice or Chancellor.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCIAL AID TO NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding) moved that the House go into committee to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution :—

That it is expedient to enact as follows :—

1. The Governor General may, in his discretion from time to time, advance to the government of the North-west Territories any sum required for local improvements in the North-west Territories, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
2. All sums so advanced to the government of the North-west Territories shall be charged in an account to be known as 'The North-west Territories Debt Account,' and shall in any financial arrangement that may be made in connection with the organization of a province