

public interest would not appear to extend to the name of the applicant or of the lessee.

As the conditions under which a lease of coal mining rights may be acquired are specifically set out in the regulations and in the lease, it would appear to be quite improper to discriminate as to the name of the person who may submit the application, or the name of the person in whose favour the lease may be issued.

Having given the House the benefit of this view, I presume that the hon. gentleman will be content to withdraw his motion.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—I should like to hear an expression of opinion on this subject from hon. gentlemen who are conversant with the condition of affairs in the Northwest. As I have already said, the only object I have in view in bringing up this matter is to benefit the country. We have had the opinion of the minister who administers the Department of the Interior; nevertheless hon. gentlemen need not be afraid to give an expression of their opinions to the House. Very often a minister may disagree with his colleagues, and I should like to hear what can be said for or against the motion I have submitted.

The motion was withdrawn.

#### QUEBEC BRIDGE AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

##### INQUIRY POSTPONED.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired :

1. Over and above the \$45,000 paid to Mr. Hoare as chief engineer of the company by the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company of which Mr. Parent is president, has he received any other sums of money from the Transcontinental Railway Commission, of which the same Mr. Parent is also president?
2. How much, in each year, for the years 1904-5, 1905-6, 1906-7 and 1907-8?
3. For what services?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I gave the answer in regard to Mr. Hoare, yesterday.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I beg pardon; the last portion of it was not answered, as to the services.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It was given to me as salary and expenses. The expenses were separate from the salary. I gave the salary for the four years.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Salary as what?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I presume the hon. gentleman knows.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I will repeat the inquiry, and perhaps the hon. gentleman may get an answer to-morrow or the day after. It may stand.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I can get no further information than I have already given.

The inquiry was allowed to stand.

#### DIVISION OF BUSINESS BETWEEN HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

##### MOTION ALLOWED TO STAND.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN moved :

That the Senate has passed the following resolution, proposing a joint committee conference of both Houses, with a view of securing a better division of the Bills introduced at each session and devising means whereby the business of parliament may be expedited and the sessions shortened, be forwarded by the proper officer of the Senate to the House of Commons.

Ordered, that the said resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the masters in chancery.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The motion says that the Senate passed the following resolution, but it does not give the resolution.

The SPEAKER—Instead of giving the resolution, the hon. gentleman has given the purport of it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It will stand for improvement.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—The resolution that I now propose embodies the former resolution.

The SPEAKER—Is it the pleasure of the House to pass the resolution as it is framed?

Some hon. MEMBERS—No, no.

The SPEAKER—If not, it will have to be re-cast. I would suggest that the hon. gentleman withdraw his motion and give another notice.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Withdraw it altogether.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—If the hon. gentleman wants to pair with me, I will withdraw one of mine.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman understands that the resolution must repro-