

that there were two motions of precisely the same character, and that after the Bill was read the third time an amendment was moved to it.

Mr. SPEAKER. In every case of the kind, the entry is the same. When a Bill has passed through committee without amendment, the question is put by the Chair: "When shall the Bill be read a third time?" The question is generally answered "Now" unanimously. Then the motion is put, as in this case, that the Bill be now read a third time, and any hon. gentleman is at liberty to move an amendment.

THE CATTLE TRADE—OPENING THE PORT OF BELFAST.

Mr. QUINN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) if any effort has been made by this Government to induce the Home Government to modify their regulations and allow the port of Belfast to be opened to our cattle trade. I mention this because navigation is about to open, and it would be advantageous to Canadian shippers to know if any steps have been taken in this direction at present. In this connection, I would like to recall the attention of the hon. Minister to the resolution of the Board of Trade of Montreal, passed on the 23rd September, 1897. I am sure that the hon. Minister is familiar with the contents of that resolution, the receipt of which was acknowledged by the Secretary of State, so that I need not quote it. I understand that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal has made certain representations to the Home Government and done all he could in the matter, but I am informed by gentlemen in the old country, interested in this matter, that if a move were made by our Canadian Government, it would strengthen very much the hands of those in England who are willing to help our people to obtain the opening of the port of Belfast as a port for the receipt of cattle from this country.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman must confine himself to merely putting the question.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). In reply to the hon. gentleman, I would say that this matter was up in the House a few days ago and fully explained then. This Government has already communicated with Lord Strathcona in the sense of the resolution to which the hon. gentleman has referred.

MR. ROTHWELL'S REPORT.

Mr. McINNES. Before the Orders of the Day are called, would the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) inform the House when he expects to be able to lay on the Table the report of Mr. Rothwell on the

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claims of certain settlers, into whose grievances he was appointed to inquire. I understand that he made a report some time ago, and he has given an order for it to be brought down. -

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). I beg to say that I expect the return which the hon. gentleman asks for, and for which an order has been issued to be laid on the Table very soon. The return is very voluminous and involves a great amount of labour in its preparation. It is being got ready as rapidly as possible, and I hope in a few days to be able to lay it on the Table.

DISMISSAL OF COLOURED INTERCOLONIAL PORTERS.

Mr. FOSTER. I should like to ask the hon. Minister of Railways a question before the Orders are called. I have seen it stated in the New Brunswick papers that all the porters on the Pullman cars have been dismissed from the service of the Intercolonial. I would like to ask if that is true; and if so, whether they were dismissed for cause or whether the hon. gentleman is drawing the colour line in that service.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). I am not sufficiently informed to give a very definite reply except to say that I am quite sure the colour line has not been drawn. I do not believe that the General Manager would be disposed to draw it of his own motion or without instructions from the Minister, and I can assure the hon. gentleman that he has not received any such instructions. I had a letter yesterday stating that that was the effect of certain action which had been taken by the General Manager. I have written to him on the subject and have not yet had his reply, but I assure the hon. member for York that anything that has been done has not been done with the view of discriminating against the colour line in that service.

Mr. LaRIVIERE. Perhaps the gentleman is colour-blind.

ATTACHMENT OF SALARIES AND MONEYS IN THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved that the House resolve itself into committee on Bill (No. 14) respecting the attachment of and moneys in the hands of the Government. He said: The object of the Bill is a very simple one. It is to enable the garnishment of moneys in the hands of the Government due or accruing to servants of the Government. It has been impossible, up to the present time, to garnishee the salaries of civil servants, and I think I am correct in saying that it be impossible to garnishee any money in the hands of the Gov-