

MR. PALMER said the last statement of law was inaccurate. An injunction was a discretionary power, and the moment it was proved the share had been purchased for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, it would be refused.

MR. ROCHESTER said he was glad the hon. the Minister of Finance had promised to look into the matter. He would only make one more remark with regard to this suit in Chancery. He wanted to tell the House distinctly that the parties who had to do with this, had nothing whatever to do with a suit in chancery. If there was such a thing, it was simply a bogus affair entered by the assignee put in possession of the property by La Banque Nationale.

*Motion agreed to.*

#### MAILS ON THE LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE RAILWAY.

##### MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. GREENWAY moved for copies of all correspondence or petitions with reference to transferring the mails on the London, Huron and Bruce Railway. He said he wished to draw the attention of the hon. the Postmaster-General to the deficient mail accommodation in his section of the country. The London, Huron and Bruce Railway had been opened in 1876, yet, up to the present, no mails had been carried over that line, but the old-fashioned stage-coach had been continued. From one of the stations, Exeter, which had a population of 2,000, it took three days to receive an answer to a letter. The mail left London in the morning at eight o'clock, and reached Exeter, 30 miles distant, at six o'clock the same day. He hoped this state of things would not be allowed to exist any longer. About a year ago the Great Western Railway Company, which had taken charge of this line as part of its system, had put on a mail train, expecting, he presumed, that the mails would soon pass over this line; but it appeared that, having been disappointed, the company now proposed to remove this train. He had in his hand letters which had been recently sent him, one

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from Exeter, signed by 90 business men of that place, and a second from another point, signed by the same number of persons, urging the necessity of at once securing the mail subsidy, in order that this train, which was of such great importance to the community, might not be removed. He thought that this matter only needed mentioning to show that this state of things ought not to be allowed to continue any longer, and the hon. the Postmaster-General should at once take this matter into consideration and have it remedied.

MR. HUNTINGTON said that this matter had been considered in the Department for some time past, but it involved an expenditure of money which it was not convenient to make last year. He hoped that Parliament would so far approve of the estimates to be submitted as to enable him shortly to tell the hon. gentleman his intention in this respect. At present he must content himself with expressing a hope that at the beginning of the next fiscal year, this service, which was undoubtedly necessary for the public convenience, would be commenced. He also trusted that the hon. gentleman, with this assurance, would not press to have the papers brought down, as he dared say that the hon. gentleman would see that this was not necessary under the circumstances.

MR. GREENWAY said he had hoped that the hon. gentleman could have seen his way clear to remedy this difficulty sooner, but having this assurance, he did not desire to press for the papers.

*Motion, with leave of the House, withdrawn.*

#### PERMANENT AND EXTRA CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

##### MOTION FOR STATEMENT.

MR. PALMER, for MR. KIRKPATRICK, moved for an order of House, that the Clerk do lay on the table a statement shewing the ages, names, present salaries and length of service of each officer and permanent clerk in his Department; also, the ages, names and salaries or daily pay, with