

THE RELEASE OF EDWARD LEVI BAUGH.

On the notice of motion:

For a copy of the reports made by the trial judge and the penitentiary surgeons in connection with the release from penitentiary of Edward Levi Baugh.—Mr. Murphy.

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY: This notice of motion has been called a number of times. Once, when I chanced to be out of the House for a few minutes, the Minister of Justice said that it was not customary to bring down reports made by the medical officers in such cases as that referred to in this motion. If it is agreeable, I am willing that the motion should pass on the understanding that those papers are not asked for. The motion has been called several times when the Minister of Justice has not been present.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: If the hon. gentleman has no objection, I would suggest that the motion stand until the Minister of Justice is here.

Mr. MURPHY: Very well.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: There is some practice in the department about these matters, with which I am not very familiar. If I were familiar with them, I should not ask that the motion stand.

Motion stands.

THE FRENCH HANSARD.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. MEDERIC MARTIN: May I ask the Prime Minister whether it would be possible to have the French version of Hansard issued earlier? We have received none since last Monday.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I really have not anything to do with these matters. I shall ascertain what authorities have direction, and shall commend my hon. friend's request to their attention.

COST OF LIVING IN THE YUKON.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. FRANK OLIVER: I desire to bring to the attention of the House a further telegram which I have received from Dawson in regard to the cost of living conditions there. It is dated at Dawson, Yukon Territory, June 19.

Mr. SPEAKER: Does the hon. gentleman intend to ask a question?

Mr. OLIVER: I wish to ask if the Government has communicated with the Commissioner of the Yukon with regard to the

subject matter of this telegram, or if it intends to do so. The telegram is as follows:

Wiring open letter to Premier Borden. Please publish where it helps most. Situation most desperate; God alone knows what will happen unless Ottawa intervenes immediately. Premier's letter follows: "Dawson, Y.T. At mass meeting June 18, attendance six hundred, mostly working people, following resolution passed, with four dissenting votes: Whereas Yukon conditions have reached a stage where the cost of living so far exceeds the rate of wages that the very existence of the community is threatened; whereas George Williams, the present incumbent of the Commissioner's chair, has shown strong sympathy and decided partiality towards those directly responsible for the recent unwarranted increase in the cost of foods; whereas owing to these facts he is not a safe person to be at the head of the local administration at the present crisis; whereas at the last session of the Yukon council two votes of censure were passed on Administrator Williams, one for extravagant wastefulness of the public funds, and one for usurping the rights of the council by paying out unwarranted sums of the public moneys: therefore be it resolved that in the opinion of this mass meeting of the citizens of Dawson and vicinity the Ottawa authorities be asked to suspend Administrator Williams from his office as Administrator of the Yukon Territory until his official actions shall be fully investigated. Moved by L. C. Nelson, seconded by J. D. Sheppard. Sir, we regret you did not realize urgency of message June 1. Writing the heads of firms in San Francisco too slow method of relieving situation. President Sloss and General Manager Fairbanks of Northern Commercial Company arrived Dawson from San Francisco June 16. Situation is desperate. Majority of Yukon Gold Company employees on strike because company refuses 10 per cent increase wages to meet 60 and 100 per cent rise on foodstuffs. Big business completely controls Yukon Territory. We cannot win unless Ottawa takes prompt and decisive action. Regret to say Yukon administration is the obedient servant of big business. Dawson press the servile mouthpiece of local administration. Only possible remedy complete immediate investigation. We can ill afford the cost of these telegrams. General public opinion that Government telegraph should relieve us of further expense.

Have the Government communicated with the Commissioner of the Yukon in connection with this communication that has already been received, and if not, will they be good enough to communicate with the commissioner in regard to the subject matter of this communication and to inform the House of the result?

Hon. T. W. CROTHERS (Minister of Labour): So far as I am aware no word has been received from the Commissioner of the Yukon, and I have not heard anything of the substance of this telegram beyond what was received about a week ago when I told my hon. friend what we had done in the matter.