

two vessels as we asked for in the first instance. I may call attention to this fact, that almost all the freight lines seemed to have practically gone on some such principle. They had only a couple, at the outside, of really Atlantic greyhounds in their service at any one time. Their other vessels have been of less speed. There is a good deal of force in what the leader of the opposition has said as to the result of taking a less rate than was named. It might result, as he says, in our having a second-class vessel and practically assisting the New York route. That has not escaped our attention.

Mr. CLARKE. In asking for tenders for a fast service what is the idea in also asking for a sixteen-knot service?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. The idea is that we will do as the great lines have done; we will have a couple of very fast vessels making record trips and other vessels which would be a great improvement on the present service, while not requiring the enormous outlay that is necessary to maintain the fast service.

At six o'clock, committee took recess.

After Recess.

Committee resumed at eight o'clock.

Some resolutions reported.

RAILWAY ACT, 1903.

House again in committee on Bill (No. 21) to amend and consolidate the law respecting railways.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. We will go on at first and correct some clerical errors in the Bill.

Mr. MACLEAN. I would ask the Postmaster General (Hon. Sir William Mulock) what further stage he intends to take to-night in connection with this Bill?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. I understand from the Minister of Justice (Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick), who has charge of the Bill, that he has arranged with some members not to proceed with the discussion of any controversial matters. We have simply been engaged in correcting some typographical errors in the Bill.

Mr. MACLEAN. The committee will sit again to consider the Bill further?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. Yes.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. What remains to be considered in connection with the Bill?

Mr. MACLEAN. On the third reading, I intend to propose some amendments.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. But not in committee?

Mr. MACLEAN. No. I would like the government to give notice when the third reading of the Bill is to be proposed, so that members who are interested in a clause on which they may wish to take the sense of the House may be prepared.

Mr. GUTHRIE. I desire to move to add a subsection.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. There are one or two members who thought of making suggestions to-night. I told them it was not intended to proceed further. Therefore, I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. CLARKE. When is it intended to proceed with the further consideration of the Bill?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. We desire to consult the convenience of the House. Of course it will be well to get the Bill through the House and get it before the Senate as soon as possible. At the same time, as I say, we wish to consult the convenience of the House.

Mr. CLARKE. You will not proceed with it to-morrow?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. The Grand Trunk measure, I understand, is on for to-morrow.

Mr. SCOTT. I have an amendment to propose which I hope will not prove of a controversial nature. I am willing to go on with it now if the committee is ready to consider it.

Progress reported.

SUPPLY.

House in Committee of Supply.

For the branch of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying, including live stock, dairy, cold storage, extension of markets, poultry, seed and fruit divisions; employees paid from this sum not to be subject to the Civil Service Act, \$220,000.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. This is the item comprising cold storage and the general work under Prof. Robertson. It was passed some weeks ago, but the hon. gentlemen asked for an opportunity to discuss it again when I would be able to give them some more information with regard to it.

Mr. SMITH (Wentworth). How is this amount of \$220,000 to be apportioned among the different branches?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. As follows: At the head office, \$26,800; live stock division, \$21,460; dairying division, \$37,840; cold storage division, \$77,000; fruit division, \$19,600; seed division, \$14,400; extension of markets division, \$15,200; poultry division, \$7,700.