

the proceedings of the House to say a word in explanation of my inability to bring down papers in reply to an address moved by my hon. friend behind me (Mr. Belle-rose). He asked for a copy of a protest of the Deputy Warden of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, Telesphore Ouimet, objecting to the evidence of Hector Demers summoned as a witness on the 14th of July, 1884, being taken before a commission appointed to inquire into the management of the penitentiary in 1884. The protest was laid upon the table by the Deputy Warden of the Penitentiary and my hon. friend wanted to have a copy of it. I said in agreeing that the address might pass, that I had made inquiries in the Department of Justice and was informed that no such paper was there, but that they had telegraphed to Mr. Moylan, the inspector, who was at the moment at St. Vincent de Paul, if there was such a paper in existence. The answer which came back was the following telegram:—

"St. Vincent de Paul, March 1st, 1886.

Deputy Warden Ouimet showed a written protest to Mr. Baillargeon and self, afterwards took it from table; it is now in his brother's hands.

(Sgd), J. G. MOYLAN."

It is manifest that we cannot produce a paper which we have not got in our possession. If a copy of it is not to be had, I cannot bring down any return that will be satisfactory to my hon. friend.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I am sure that the Postmaster-General has done everything in his power to bring down that paper, but I may say that I will be obliged to ask for an enquiry into the administration of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary by the Inspector. I say, from my place here, that the paper I moved for was handed in; action was taken upon it and judgment was given in that enquiry, and the paper has not been stolen, but given away. In the same way I state that four or five prisoners in that institution have escaped, and had the Inspector been willing to do his duty he would have found that they were aided in their escape by parties inside of the penitentiary who are there still. I state it here from my place, and if an enquiry is granted I will try to show that that institution w never work satisfactorily as it is administered

now. The evil is in the Department of Justice. Let the Government do their duty; let the Minister of Justice order an enquiry, let him bring under oath those who are able to give information and to show what is going on, and then he will discover and believe as I do. The late Minister of Justice was ready to do all in his power for the good of the institution; and I believe, though I do not know him, that the present Minister of Justice is ready to do everything that he can to ensure its proper management. I have made a charge publicly. Give us a good commission of honest men who will not force witnesses to perjure themselves as was done during the last enquiry, and then the hon. Minister of Justice will see whether I am right. I hope the Government will adopt my suggestion.

WINTER COMMUNICATION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

INQUIRY.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE rose to

Call the attention of the House to the means provided for the transport of passengers between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, and the charges demanded therefor—and ask the leader of the Government in this House, whether any tariff of charges has been published, and if so, whether a copy thereof can be laid on the table.

He said: I regret that it has become necessary for me once more to trouble the House upon questions having reference to grievances which I have so often, during previous Sessions, ventilated from my place here. All I can undertake to say at the present time is that I shall occupy the time of the House no longer than is absolutely necessary, and I take this opportunity to disclaim once and for all anything like factious intentions in this matter. My object is to secure good and safe transport for the mails and passengers of my Province at the most reasonable rates at which they can be provided, and that these rates should not be varied capriciously at the option of any department of the Government of Canada. The House may perhaps have perceived that the motion on the paper refers exclusively to passengers this year; I have said nothing in it about mails. The reason is that since the closing of ordinary