

clear to me these votes do not lapse. I think the matter should be looked into, and I will look into it.

Grant to the North-west government to enable them to restore public works lately destroyed by floods \$92,000

Mr. DAVIN. I hope that we may consider this vote as a permanent one. I really do not think that there is any great need this year which did not exist in another year, and it would be unfortunate if this vote were regarded as exceptional and temporary. There can be no doubt that the Territories, instead of needing less money than is voted, need more.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the reason given for this vote?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The reason is, that owing to the severe floods of last year, various bridges and dams were carried away or seriously injured.

Mr. FOSTER. This is really an addition to their public works subvention, but for a special occasion?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. For a special occasion. I had a statement in which Mr. Haultain and Mr. Ross have given a list of all the works in detail.

Mr. BERGERON. Does this cover the whole amount passed by the local government?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. The amount they have set forth in the schedule is \$92,700.

Mr. FOSTER. That is expended by the local government entirely?

Mr. SUTHERLAND. Yes.

Committee rose and reported progress.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the business for to-morrow?

The PRIME MINISTER. In the afternoon the Elections Act.

Mr. FOSTER. I do not see the chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, but it is rather a scandal that that committee has not been called for a long time. I hope the First Minister will see that a meeting is called for Thursday.

Mr. DAVIN. The other night I protested against the long interval, because there are some things being inquired into there with which my name is connected, and I want them to be examined into.

The PRIME MINISTER. All right; I will see the chairman.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 1.30 a.m. (Tuesday).

Mr. FIELDING.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, June 5, 1900.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

JUDGES OF PROVINCIAL COURTS.

Order called for the introduction of a Bill intituled: 'Act to amend the Act respecting the judges of provincial courts.'

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. Might I ask the Solicitor General (Mr. Fitzpatrick) when this Bill respecting judges of provincial courts is likely to be introduced?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL (Mr. Fitzpatrick). It is necessary to have another consultation with the Minister of Justice with reference to the terms of the Act which has been drafted, and I expect to-morrow to bring it down. It will contain a provision with reference to a chief justice of the North-west Territories, and one for the appointment of three additional judges in the district of Montreal.

THE QUEBEC HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL Mr. Fitzpatrick moved for leave to introduce a Bill (No. 173) respecting the Quebec Harbour Commissioners. He said: The Bill is a very simple one, and is designed merely to meet a difficulty that arose as a result of the legislation of last session. The House will remember that by 61 Vic., chap. 48, it is provided that the Quebec Harbour Commissioners might borrow the sum of \$300,000 to make some necessary improvements in the harbour of Quebec. The statute provided that this amount should be a first charge on the revenue of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners, but by the legislation of last session provision was made for an additional sum to be borrowed, and this additional sum ranks with that borrowed the year previously. This is to restore to the original position the loan of \$300,000.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

PENITENTIARY ACT AMENDMENT.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL moved for leave to introduce a Bill (No. 174) to amend the Penitentiary Act. He said: The object is to amend the schedule respecting the penitentiary employees with respect to certain persons who were omitted from the schedule.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.