

can get, at the outside, only 30 miles, another man should not be allowed to get 100 miles.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The limit fixed by the regulations of the department is 30 miles, and each application must be accompanied by the amount required for the lease. If the hon. gentleman will move for the papers we will be very glad to bring them down.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The government papers, particularly the *Montreal Herald*, have published a list of persons to whom leases were granted, and in that list there are some 15 Merciers, and eight or ten Guerins. If they come within the regulations adopted by the Department of Interior, permitting only 10 miles to be given to any one person, every member of the Mercier family including the father, mother, sons, daughters, nephews and nieces, must have obtained a lease. That is the conclusion to which every one must come when he reads the list. I presumed it was correct, seeing it in a telegram from Ottawa and appeared in a government organ.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—The regulation, if I remember rightly, is that the distance of five miles is leased, and the party may have five of these grants, but he must put a separate dredge on each one and work it. I have not seen the list to which the hon. gentleman refers. I will make the inquiry and see what the facts are. My hon. friend knows that newspapers are sometimes mistaken and sometimes they confound applications with leases.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—If it is not inconsistent with public policy, I should like the hon. gentleman to tell us what steps have been taken for the settlement of this question of the boundary between Canada and the southern portion of Alaska.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—The matter has been referred to the Colonial Office, with a view to having it communicated to the Foreign Office.

DELAYED RETURNS.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I must again remind my hon. friend the Secretary of State, of a very old complaint that I have again to make. I am anxious to know when I shall have that return that I have so often asked for.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think I have them all now but one, and I am doing my best to get that one.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Send a search warrant for it.

The Senate adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, 11th March, 1898.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'Clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

EXPORT OF WHEAT FROM MANITOBA.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. WARK moved :

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate, a statement showing :

The quantity of wheat imported into the Dominion since 30th June last.

The quantity exported during the same period ; and
The quantity exported from Manitoba during like period.

He said :—I will not occupy very much time in explaining this motion. I make these remarks on account of a statement which appeared in the *Montreal Witness* the first of this month, made by James Campbell, that a very small quantity of Manitoba wheat went to Montreal. He said ten bushels to one went to New York. I could hardly credit it. I think he must have gained his information from some unreliable source and that is why I make this motion to bring down the figures. It would be a most unfortunate thing if the wheat of Manitoba should go to New York. Under the reciprocity treaty Montreal occupied an inferior position as an exporting city. I