

## DEPARTMENTAL PRINTING.

## MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. ROSS (West Middlesex) moved for an Address to His Excellency the Governor-General, for a return showing copies of all advertisements calling for tenders for the Departmental printing, printing paper, and binding; the names of the newspapers in which such advertisements appeared, the specifications and quantities of the work to be performed, and copies of all tenders, correspondence and Orders in Council relating thereto, and contracts entered into.

MR. BOWELL: All the information asked for by this motion with the exception of the names of the newspapers in which the advertisements were inserted, will appear in the report of the Secretary of State, which, if not laid on the Table of the House to-day, can be at any time; and, if the information in regard to the names of the newspapers containing the advertisements is desired, that will be brought down also.

MR. ROSS: It is not material to have the names of the newspapers.

Motion, with leave of the House, *withdrawn*.

## NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES—IMPORTATION OF CATTLE.

## RESOLUTION PROPOSED.

MR. MILLS moved: That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the people of Manitoba and the North-West Territories be permitted to import cows and oxen from the United States. He said: We are all more or less interested in the progress of emigration, and hon. gentlemen opposite have expressed a desire to correct any mistakes that have been made. I am not asking for any change in the fiscal policy of the country by this motion, but an Order in Council was passed, prohibiting cattle being brought into Canada from the United States, and a similar order has been made by the American Government, in retaliation, thus preventing settlers in Manitoba and the North-West from carrying on their farming operations. I have had this matter brought before my notice by persons located there, both by correspondence, and by being personally called upon, and they have expressed their intention of going out next spring to Dakotah and

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Minnesota, unless they are allowed to go into the adjoining States to purchase their necessary supplies of oxen and cows to enable them to subsist. In a large measure they must subsist on their cattle until their crops are produced.

MR. POPE (Compton): I quite agree with the hon. gentleman that it is most important for the people of Manitoba and the North-West and British Columbia to be allowed to import from the United States, not only oxen and cows but bulls, and, looking at it in that light, when we passed the Order in Council, it was so framed that it did not apply to Manitoba, or British Columbia, or the North-West. Therefore, the people of those parts can import as many as they like, and consequently I presume that this motion may be withdrawn.

MR. MILLS: I merely stated the fact that persons have communicated this to me, both orally and in writing.

MR. POPE: If the officers of the Government have misrepresented this Order in Council, it is very much to be regretted.

MR. MILLS: It would be Mr. Bradley, of Emerson who made the misrepresentations.

MR. POPE: What he has represented is, that it is important that cattle from the United States should be allowed to go into the North-West free of duty. The hon. gentleman is mistaken as to the opinion Mr. Bradley entertains about this matter.

MR. RYAN (Marquette): The hon. member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills) said he did not desire that the Government should alter its fiscal policy. I think it would be as well if the Government could alter its fiscal policy. It would advance the interests of the emigrants to the North-West if they could be allowed to import cattle duty free; and I hope they will be allowed to do so.

MR. MILLS: If the Order in Council does not prohibit the importation of cattle into Manitoba and the North-West, I do not wish to press the motion, but representations have been made to me that they have been prohibited.

MR. POPE (Compton): If the hon. gentleman has information of that kind, the mistake shall not occur again; but I am sure, from my information from Mr. Bradley, that it is not so. If, however,