

The PRIME MINISTER. We will finish the Department of the Interior.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. On Monday, when we reach supply, I will move a vote of censure on the government in connection with the case of the *John C. Barr*.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 2.10 a.m. (Saturday.)

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, June 4, 1900.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

### FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 172) respecting the Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Company (Limited).—(Mr. Casey.)

### YUKON—STEAMSHIP YUKONER.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER moved:

That sessional papers 33q., being correspondence in re ss. 'Yukoner,' be printed forthwith, and that rule 94 be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

### INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS.

Mr. G. E. FOSTER (York, N.B.) Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to call attention to some motions for returns that have not yet been complied with. I thought I had a memorandum of them, but, as I have not it under my hand at the moment, I will mention those I remember. One is the return asked for from the Department of Railways and Canals of correspondence with the Canadian Pacific Railway with respect to the arrangement between the Intercolonial Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway on their passenger and freight arrangements. This was ordered a long time ago, but has not yet been brought down.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). Is the hon. member (Mr. Foster) sure that that order has not been complied with?

Mr. FOSTER. Quite sure—not a shadow of doubt. Then, the Minister of Militia (Mr. Borden) has not brought down the

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balance of the correspondence on the canteen business.

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE (Mr. Borden). No.

Mr. FOSTER. No. But, I would like to have that. I do not recall the others at the moment.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) desired a supplementary return with respect to the representation of the Yukon. I would be glad if he would let me have the first return, which I understand is in his possession, as I desire to compare it with the other.

Mr. FOSTER. I do not see the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) here; but, I would be glad if the First Minister would take a note of another return required—the papers in connection with the arrangements with the Bank of Commerce respecting the Yukon Commission. Part of that correspondence was brought down last year, and I should like to have it supplemented before the item with respect to it in the estimates comes up.

Mr. JOHN B. MILLS (Annapolis). On May 30, I asked for all papers, correspondence, telegrams, orders and agreements with reference to the chartering of eight steamships, one steamship for two trips, making nine trips altogether. An attempt has been made to comply with my request, but I have only about three or four letters, with no charters or agreements; and surely the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) will not say that this small return which he has laid upon the Table constitutes all that I have asked for. I would ask that that return be supplemented.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). If the hon. gentleman (Mr. Mills) will send me a memorandum of what he wants, I will try to meet his wishes.

Mr. MILLS. I sent a memorandum to the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier).

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I understood from the First Minister that what was wanted was the letters in regard to the chartering of vessels for carrying hay to South Africa.

Mr. MILLS. This is part of the memorandum that I sent to the Prime Minister: 'All papers, correspondence, telegrams, charters and agreements, with reference to the chartering of the following steamships,'—and then I named them. These papers refer to the chartering of only one steamship, the *Manhanset*, and very little about her.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Mills) kindly send back the letters, and I will see that the return is completed.