

any point hitherto discovered ; laid in a stock of provisions there, and were engaged in prosecuting mining operations in that section. In travelling through an unsettled country it was impossible for those men to know when they crossed the boundary line separating British Columbia from the North-West territory, and passed under different jurisdiction. The Chief Justice of British Columbia, on a trip made into that section last year, took observations from which he came to the conclusion that the mines then being worked were between 58° and 59° parallel of north latitude—the boundary line being at 60°—and when the miners proceeded between 250 and 300 miles further in a north-easterly direction, it was impossible for them to know when they might strike one of the boundaries of British Columbia, and therefore whether they were within the jurisdiction of British Columbia or the North-West territory. He believed there was no officer of the North-West Government in that section of country, and it was therefore highly important that either the boundaries be definitely settled, or powers be delegated to the British Columbia Government to exercise jurisdiction on the boundaries of the North West territory.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said the Dominion Government would have, in the first place, to take steps to ascertain, as far as possible, from existing documents, where this boundary should be located, and then they would determine what steps should be taken in connection with the Columbia Government to determine the boundary. Communications would, therefore, have to take place with the Columbia Government on the subject. He hoped the motion would not be pressed, because the matter would be dealt with by the Government as a matter of course, and it could only be dealt with, in the first place, by correspondence with the Local Government.

Mr. THOMPSON said that on the understanding that the matter would be brought before the Provincial Government by the Dominion Government, which he hoped would be done without delay, he would withdraw the motion.—Motion withdrawn.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. BABY moved that notwithstanding

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the adoption, during last Session, of the seventh report of the Joint Committee of the House on the Printing of Parliament, reducing to two the copies of the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons, now distributed to each member of this House, said number be increased to eight, the number distributed before the adoption of said Report. He explained that the motion was necessary in the interests of the French members of the House.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex) said the Printing Committee considered it advisable last Session to reduce the number of copies of Votes and Proceedings distributed to each member from eight to two. It was felt by many members that the distribution of such a large number of those documents was not advantageous to them, but a source of constant annoyance. It might be, however, that inasmuch as so few public documents were printed in the French language, the request of the hon. member for Joliette might be considered a reasonable one. If the hon. gentleman chose to refer his motion to the Printing Committee, he (Mr. Ross) would call the attention of the Committee to it at their first meeting, and perhaps they would be able to meet the hon. member's wishes. He would, however, oppose any increase in the number of Votes and Proceedings in the English language beyond that agreed upon by the Committee last year.

Mr. MILLS enquired whether the motion did not involve an expenditure of money.

Mr. MASSON desired to know if the Government opposed the motion.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said the motion went as a matter of course to the Printing Committee and it would be for them to report on it. It was a domestic matter, and the House could order, on the motion of a member, the printing of documents.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said that perhaps eight copies to each member was a larger number than was absolutely necessary, but to now give only two copies of the Votes and Proceedings to each member was too great a reduction. He thought the point of the hon. member for Bothwell was not well taken, for they were constantly ordering printing to be done for the use of the House.