

give them, to the people in Ireland who are asking for like privileges, and to hold up the hands of those noble men in England who are standing forth as men should in the interests of humanity, and trying to give to the Irish people that Home Rule which they should possess; and when that Home Rule comes, there will be in Ireland security, and following on the footsteps of security there will be order in that country, and following up that order and peace there will be hopes for the future. Every individual in this country—I, for one—will hail the day when the Irish people will be put in full possession of constitutional government, to enable them to control their own affairs and develop their own resources.

Mr. FREEMAN. After the very able addresses we have been given on this subject by hon. members who seem to understand fully this great Irish question—a question which seems to have baffled the ablest minds in Great Britain, not only the present Prime Minister but the Grand Old Man—

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I would ask my hon. friend to allow me to interrupt him for a moment. I was going to propose that the debate be adjourned. I know a great many members in the House are called away to-night by other duties, and a number of members went away on Friday and Saturday who are not here and will not be here to-day. It is of great importance that this vote should be taken fully, and to enable the hon. gentlemen who are in the House now, and are called away by paramount duties elsewhere, to vote, and to allow the debate to be resumed when the other members return, I move the adjournment of the debate, to be the First Order of the Day to-morrow.

Mr. BLAKE. I understood the adjournment of this debate to be proposed on Friday evening because some hon. members desired to go away, and now it is proposed to adjourn it again because some other hon. members desire to go away: I do not know how much longer the debate is to continue, because it seems to me that the longer it takes the more there is of it. I fully expected, when the debate was adjourned on Friday, that there would have been no further interruption of it to-day, but that the discussion would be closed and the vote would be taken this evening. I am still of opinion that it would be for the convenience of the House if another whole day were not needlessly consumed in this discussion, but, if the general opinion of the House is that we should adjourn at six o'clock to-night, I do not propose to oppose the motion or divide the House upon the question.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned, to stand the First Order for Tuesday.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I should like to enquire of the First Minister if he proposes that this debate shall close to-morrow.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I hope so.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Considering the fact that there is a great deal of business, and a considerable number of discussions to come on, I think that the House is throwing away very valuable time by adjourning in this way.

Mr. SPEAKER. I desire to request the hon. members, whenever a motion is made to adjourn, that they refrain from noise and confusion until after the motion is carried, as I think such conduct is not dignified.

Mr. MACDONALD (Huron).

RETURNS ORDERED.

Return showing names, occupations and callings of the gentlemen appointed on the Railway Commission, showing dates of their appointments. Also copies of any instructions given to the Commission, and of all correspondence between the Government and any member of the Railway Commission touching the matters to be enquired into by the Commission, and of the proceedings and evidence had and taken before the Commission, with statement showing (with dates) the places where sittings of the Commission have been held.—(Mr. Mulock.)

Return of a copy of the lease from R. T. Wilson to the Dominion Government of the new public offices for the town of Dundas, in the county of Wentworth; report of the Post Office Inspector respecting the present and new Post Offices; also copies of petitions, correspondence, and all other papers relating to the removal of the post office.—(Mr. Bain, Wentworth.)

Return giving—1st. The total number of Chinese who have arrived at the different ports in the Dominion, from the 1st January, 1886, to the 31st March, 1887, specifying the ports. 2nd. The amount of duty on head money collected from Chinese during that period. 3rd. The amount paid to the Provincial Governments under the Chinese Restriction Act during the same period. 4th. The number of Chinese who have entered the Dominion during the same period under return certificates, and the reports (if any) of any Customs officer with reference thereto. 5th. The number of Chinese who have entered the Dominion during the same period, as students, men of science, or travellers. 6th. The cost to the Dominion of administering the Chinese Restriction Act for the last fiscal year.—(Mr. Gordon.)

Return showing amount owing by the Exchange Bank to the Government of Canada at the time of the bank's failure, and statement showing all sums (with dates of payment) paid on account of such indebtedness.—(Mr. Mulock.)

Copies of all accounts in connection with the Government wharf at Kamouraska, showing the amount paid to Madame V. Taché for the purchase of her wharf, and of the contract between the Government and Madame Taché in relation thereto; also copies of the contract between the Government and Polydore Langlois, Esquire, respecting the sale of his wharf at the same place, with a statement of the amount paid to him by the Government.—(Mr. Dessaint.)

Detailed statement of the sums charged to capital expenditure on the Intercolonial Railway for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1886.—(Mr. Jones.)

Statement from the records of the elections to the present House of Commons, showing the number of votes polled for the respective candidates in the several electoral districts and in the various sub-divisions thereof, together with the number of ballots rejected and spoiled in such sub-division at the last general elections, and each election subsequently held up to date; also the number of electors on the voters' lists, together with the population, as shown by the last census, of each electoral district and the municipalities thereof, whether there was an election by acclamation or a poll; and a separate statement in each case in which a recount or re-addition was made, showing the changes made in every sub-division on such recount, with the number of ballots rejected which had been formerly allowed and the number allowed which had been formerly rejected, with reason, so far as obtainable, for such rejection or allowance.—(Mr. Mills.)

Return of seizures of vessels or property in the Province of Nova Scotia, during the years 1885, 1886 and 1887; giving the date of seizures, names of parties, amount of fines imposed and collected and of fines remitted, and correspondence connected therewith.—(Mr. Jones.)

Return showing receipts and expenditure from 1st July to 20th April, in the years 1886 and 1887 respectively, with estimates for each year.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Return of copies of all correspondence between the Department of the Interior and the Government of British Columbia, having reference to the land on Vancouver Island, held in trust by the Dominion Government for the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, under the conditions of the Settlement Act, 1884. Also, copies of all correspondence between the Department of the Interior and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, or with any person acting for or in their behalf, in any manner referring to the said railway lands. Also, copies of all correspondence with any settlers or squatters upon said railway lands, or with any other person or persons with reference thereto. Also, copies of all references to the Department of Justice as to the rights of settlers and squatters upon said railway lands, the form of patent issued to settlers, and the form and conditions of the patents issued, or to be issued to the railway company; together with the report or reports of the Minister of Justice thereon. Also, the number of patents that have been issued to settlers upon the said railway lands by the Department of the Interior up to this date. Also, copies of any arrangement with, or security from the company for the prompt issue by them up to the 19th day of December next, of pre-emption records to persons desiring to settle upon said lands under the conditions of the Settlement Act.—(Mr. Gordon.)

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 5:50 p.m.