

by the post office inspector for the district of Ottawa, Mr. Hawkins. That gentleman made a report exactly similar to the first. As there prevailed a great deal of excitement in the locality, and as the interested parties were not yet satisfied, I obtained from the hon. the Postmaster General (Mr. Mulock) a public inquiry, which was held by Hon. Mr. Justice White, of Sherbrooke. The latter reported in the same sense as the former reports just referred to.

As the interested parties were not yet satisfied, the more so as those reports did not confirm them in their claims, and as they pretend that the evidence given is favourable to them, I move for the production of the evidence, exhibits and report of the inquiry, in order to show that the government is willing to render full justice.—Carried.

RAILWAY BONUSES.

Mr. URIAH WILSON (Lennox) moved for a return showing :

1. The amount of the bonuses or subsidies voted by parliament each year to railways during the years 1896-7-8-9 and 1900, inclusive.

2. The names of all railways to which bonuses or subsidies were voted by parliament during each of the said years, and the amount voted to each railway.

3. The amount of such bonuses or subsidies paid to each of the said railways during each of the said years, and the conditions of such payments.

4. On what part or parts of the said bonuses or subsidies voted during the said years was interest payable, and how much of each of the said bonuses or subsidies on which interest is payable has been paid, giving details with reference to each railway.

5. The amount of interest paid during each of the said years by each of the said railways on the bonuses or subsidies they have received.

6. What railways to which bonuses or subsidies have been voted by parliament during each of the said years, and paid wholly or in part with the condition that interest should be payable, have paid interest on the bonuses or subsidies received by them, and how much interest has each railway receiving such bonuses or subsidies paid each year.

Mr. F. D. MONK (Jacques Cartier). Before the motion is carried, I desire to ask my hon. friend (Mr. Wilson) if he would agree to the addition, in the third paragraph of the following words, after the word 'years,' 'Or to each and every company or individual who may have become vested with such bonuses or subsidies, by a transfer, or otherwise.' If my hon. friend has no objection, I will move that his motion be amended in that way. The words will not in any way change the effect of the motion, except to enlarge it.

Mr. WILSON. I have no objection.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. TURCOT.

MANITOBA SCHOOL LANDS.

Mr. A. A. C. LaRIVIERE (Provencher) moved for :

Copy of all memorials, petitions, resolutions and correspondence in reference to the transfer to the government of the province of Manitoba of school lands and funds already accumulated from sales thereof.

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). There is no objection whatever to bringing down the correspondence which took place before the present year. But, my hon. friend (Mr. LaRivière) may be aware that, during the present year, we have received a new petition on this subject, the correspondence upon which is still pending. We could not well bring down that correspondence. If my hon. friend will restrict his motion to correspondence previous to the year 1901, there will be no objection to it. And, later on, when the correspondence is concluded, there will be no objection, if the hon. gentleman will renew his motion, to bringing down that correspondence also.

Mr. LaRIVIERE. I would rather withdraw the motion in the meantime.

Motion withdrawn.

CHARTERED CORPORATIONS.

On the motion for :

List of all corporations now doing business in Canada under charter of the Dominion government. The number receiving subsidies by cash or land grants and the amount of such subsidy attached to each.—Mr. Smith (Vancouver).

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair). I would like to ascertain from the hon. gentleman whether his motion contemplates the inclusion of any other than railway corporations, whether he desires to get information with respect to any other corporate body than such as may be operating a railway.

Mr. RALPH SMITH (Vancouver). I desire to include every corporation that has a charter from the government, that has a privilege of any kind.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. I would like to point out to my hon. friend that he is imposing a very arduous task upon that department of the government which has charge of the records of these corporations. I do not know that it can be ascertained and stated to this House now what corporations are actually doing business in Canada that have actually been chartered under Dominion legislation, and I am quite sure that there are none such which have been receiving bonuses and subsidies, unless it may be some companies that have been perhaps bonused as manufacturing concerns producing steel,