

CORRESPONDENCE RE INDIAN  
AFFAIRS.

(On the order for the motion:

Mr. CANNON:

For a copy of all correspondence between the last Huron chiefs of the Indian Reserve of Lorette, Messrs Sioui and Sullivan, barristers, and the Department of Indian Affairs since 1883.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I would ask that this motion stand, unless the hon. member wishes to drop it. The amount of work that would be involved in preparing the return to this order would be very large. If there is any particular information that my hon. friend desires I would advise him to take the matter up with one of the officers of the department, and I am confident he would be able to secure the information he seeks without necessitating all the work that this motion would call for.

Mr. CANNON: I will do that with pleasure.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the motion dropped?

Mr. CANNON: Yes.

Motion dropped.

THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY.

(On the order for the motion:

Mr. CAMPBELL proposed:

That, in the opinion of this House, owing to insistent demands from the West, extending over a long period, and after many years investigation as to the feasibility of the route, the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway as a national enterprise was commenced in 1910.

And whereas the work progressed very slowly but was carried on until the close of the year 1917, by which time the grade was completed to the bay and rails laid as far as mile 332, including the construction of two large steel bridges over the Nelson, and extensive work at the Port Nelson terminals; the total expenditure now being over \$20,000,000.

And whereas, owing to the length of time that the road has been under construction, and to lack of attention paid to the completed part thereof, the whole roadbed is in danger of serious deterioration.

And whereas the construction of this road has been the means of bringing to light the existence of natural resources in the territory through which it passes, and in the bay itself not hitherto known, such as minerals, pulpwood, fisheries, water powers and agricultural lands, the development of which would undoubtedly be to the material advantage of Canada; and whereas to leave the road in its present unfinished state would mean the loss of millions of dollars directly, and much more indirectly, through non-development of the above-mentioned resources. And whereas certain lands in the West were, some years ago, set aside to be disposed of in manner stipulated to create a fund for the construction of the railway, and sales of these lands have been made to the extent of

[Mr. J. A. Armstrong.]

\$30,000,000, over one-half of which has been paid, it is advisable that the Hudson Bay railway should be completed to the bay this year by the laying of steel for the remaining 92 miles and the doing of such other work as may be necessary to put the road in proper shape for operation.

Mr. J. A. CAMPBELL (Nelson): I have no desire to delay the proceedings of the House by a lengthy discussion of this motion, if there is some means by which a formal statement of my views might be obviated. I was wondering whether the leader of the Government could say what work it is proposed to do on the Hudson Bay railway this year an—

Mr. SPEAKER: Any statement of that kind will not be in order at this stage. The motion has been called and the hon. member can signify his desire that it stand, or be either passed as non-contentious or dropped. He can obtain his information in Supply or on the motion to go into Supply.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The hon. gentleman (Mr. Campbell) understands that if he allows his motion to stand now he cannot bring the question up on the Estimates, and I suppose he would like to be free to make some remarks on the subject matter of his resolution when the Estimates are before the House. I would therefore advise him to drop the motion.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Very well. I understood, however, that in view of a statement made a few days ago to a deputation, the Acting Prime Minister—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order; the hon. member is not in order in discussing the subject at this juncture.

Motion dropped.

CORRESPONDENCE RE CRIMINAL  
TRIALS.

(On the order for the motion:

Mr. CASGRAIN:

For the production of copies of all letters, telegrams, papers and correspondence exchanged between the Department of Justice and others, as the case may be, in reference to the trial of one Onofrio Montzano held at Murray Bay, district of Saguenay, in 1912, and the trial of the Labrie brothers, held at Sherbrooke, district of St. Francois, and their release from penitentiary on account of irregularities in the proceedings followed at each of these trials, and also copies of all documents contained in the records of the Department of Justice in reference thereto.

Rt. Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): With reference to this motion I may say, so that the hon. member may