

### I. C. R.—TRAIN ACCOMMODATION.

Mr. M. J. F. QUINN (St. Ann's, Montreal). I would like to ask the Minister of Railways and Canals if it is the intention to put on another daily train between Montreal and the lower ports. The season when a very heavy traffic takes place on that line is approaching, and the demand is very great in Montreal on the part of those who occupy summer residences around Rivière du Loup and Metis for a daily train. The train which leaves Montreal in the morning reaches Metis and Rivière du Loup about midnight. This necessitates the loss of a day by men going to visit their families there, and brings them to their destination at a very inconvenient hour. In previous seasons a train has left Montreal about eleven o'clock at night—

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). At 7.30 p.m.

Mr. QUINN. It left Bonaventure station, at all events, in the evening, and brought men from Montreal to their residences early in the morning in time for breakfast. This was a very great accommodation, and I know that the people of Montreal are very anxious that, at least, a tri-weekly service should be put on the Intercolonial Railway for their accommodation, and I would like to ask if it is the intention to give a service of that kind

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. I may say to my hon. friend that it is not the intention to increase the train service beyond that provided for. We think we have made ample arrangements for that traffic. It is, of course, in the interest of the Intercolonial Railway to furnish all the accommodation necessary to meet the demands of the public, and we believe we have done that. We are sending out an evening train every Friday, which will accommodate the business men, and it is the business men whom, I understand, my hon. friend has in his mind when he makes this request. To send a tri-weekly train in the evening would not be at all necessary, in my opinion, nor in the opinion of the traffic manager of the road.

### PORT MULGRAVE AND ST. PETER'S MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. J. A. GILLIES (Richmond). I desire to call the attention of the government to the fact, that the steamer plying between Port Mulgrave and St. Peter's and intermediate points, which is subsidized by this government, is not carrying the mails this year as formerly. The Postmaster General is absent from the House, but I would ask some member of the government to draw his attention to the fact that the steamer is not now carrying mails as formerly. This subjects the people to a very great inconvenience, inasmuch as the mails are

sent overland, and are not delivered until the following morning. I am sure that I need only draw the attention of the government to this matter to have the remedy applied at once.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Mr. Fielding). I shall call the attention of the Postmaster General to the matter.

Mr. H. F. McDOUGALL (Cape Breton). There is great complaint in the town of Sydney and that neighbourhood, owing to the fact that the mails from Newfoundland arriving by the steamer *Bruce*, in the early morning, are not forwarded to Sydney, until late at night, and the mails are not delivered for twenty-four hours, although the distance is only five miles by steamer. I would ask the Minister of Railways, whether the report is well founded that a new time table is to come into operation on Monday next on the Intercolonial Railway, and if so, what are the hours of departure from Montreal to Sydney.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). If the hon. gentleman will give me until to-morrow, I will tell him the hours exactly. We leave Montreal for Sydney, by the express at about eleven o'clock, but the hour that we leave Sydney for Montreal, I cannot state at this moment.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. A. CAMPBELL (Kent). Before the Orders of the Day are called, Mr. Speaker, I want to correct a statement going the rounds of the Tory press. I did not think it worth while to correct it at the time, but I see that it is reported in the *Daily Intelligencer*, of Belleville, and other papers. The statement is that when, after the resolution, moved by the First Minister, congratulating Her Majesty on the termination of the war, was voted, God Save the Queen was sung, I remained in my seat and kept my hat on. That is a downright falsehood, from beginning to end.

### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

The MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE (Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière) moved that the order for third reading of Bill (No. 110) to amend the Weights and Measures Act, be discharged, and the Bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole, for further consideration.

Motion agreed to, and the House resolved itself into committee.

(In the Committee.)

The MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE. The reason why I ask that the House go again into committee, is to add to the last subsection these words: 'and apply to all binder twine imported into Canada or manufactured in Canada after that date.' This is to prevent the Act having a retro-