

Perhaps my hon. friend wishes to discuss the question and illuminate the House on the subject.

The inquiry was allowed to stand.

#### PEACE CENTENNIAL.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired:

1. Whether the government of Canada has received from the government of the United States of America an invitation to take part in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking people in 1914 and 1915?
2. If not, do the government of Canada themselves intend to take some action in the premises?
3. Will the government of Canada leave all the initiative to the government of the United States?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Under Secretary of State for External Affairs informs me that the matter is not yet sufficiently developed to permit of any specific reply being given.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—Invitations have been sent. I have received one myself from the United States. I think the hon. member beside me (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) is president of some kind of a committee.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—But my hon. friend asks whether the government, as a government, has received such invitation. I have to answer him in the negative. The government has not received any invitation from the United States government to take part in such a celebration.

#### SUBSIDIES TO CENTRAL RAILWAY OF CANADA.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE inquired—

Whether the Central Railway of Canada has made any application to the government of Canada for subsidies towards its construction, or for any land grants.

If so, what are the applications made, and what assurance has the government given to the applicants?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The reply is as follows:

(a) The Central Railway Company of Canada made application, for subsidy during the last session of parliament, for

a line of railway from Midland on the Georgian bay to Montreal with branches into the city of Ottawa, to St. Jerome and Ste. Agathe in the county of Terrebonne.

(b) No assurance, as far as this department is concerned, has been given to the applicants.

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND MARINE INSURANCE.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL inquired—

When will the return be presented in answer to the address passed by the Senate on the 25th March last, as follows:—

Ordered, that an humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General, praying that His Royal Highness will cause to be laid before the Senate a detailed been established on the Canadian Atlantic statement of the aids to navigation that have coast and its waters, including the Gulf and River St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy, during the last ten years; also, a statement of the rates of marine insurance between Canadian Atlantic ports, including those in Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy and ports in the United Kingdom; also, the rates of marine insurance between the ports of Boston and New York and ports in the United Kingdom; also, what change, if any, has been effected in insurance rates between Canadian Atlantic ports and ports in the United Kingdom, by the establishment of aids to navigation during the last ten years.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Last session this address was transmitted to the Secretary of State, but no return has yet been made. I shall follow it up and try and get the return as soon as possible.

#### STENOGRAPHIC AID FOR SENATORS.

##### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG moved—

That in the opinion of the Senate it is desirable that a stenographic service be secured for this House, and that the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts be requested to consider the matter and report thereon.

The motion was agreed to.

#### BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (C) An Act to amend the Railway Act with respect to the deposit of plans.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

The Senate adjourned till three o'clock to-morrow.