

that James Fitzsimmons was reappointed Deputy-Warden of the New Westminster penitentiary? If so, what is the name of the member?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Deputy-wardens in Canadian penitentiaries are appointed on the responsibility and on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, and not on the recommendation of a member of Parliament. This course was followed in the case of James Fitzsimmons.

### ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAILWAY SUBSIDY.

#### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.) inquired :

Has Mr. James Dunsmuir, of Victoria, British Columbia, President of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, or any one else on behalf of said railway company, applied for the usual railway subsidy of \$3,200 per mile to assist in extending their road from Wellington to Comox? If so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the application?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Mr. Dunsmuir has made application for a subsidy of \$3,200 per mile for the extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway from Wellington to Comox. The Finance Minister made the announcement in the House of Commons a short time ago (which is now repeated) that the government does not contemplate granting any cash subsidies to railways this session.

### BRITISH PACIFIC RAILWAY.

#### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.) inquired :—

Has Mr. R. P. Rithet, of Victoria, British Columbia, Vice-President of the British Pacific Railway Company, or anyone else on behalf of said railway company, applied for the usual railway subsidy of \$3,200 per mile to assist in building their railway? If so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the application?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—No application has been made by Mr. R. P. Rithet or anyone else for a subsidy of \$3,200 per mile, in aid of the construction of the "British Pacific Railway."

### THE PROPOSED MONUMENT AT LOUISBOURG.

#### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER inquired :—

Is the Government aware that the "Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars" is about to erect a

monument at Louisbourg, Cape Breton, commemorative of the taking of that place in 1745? What inscription is this monument to bear? Does the site of the old fortress of Louisbourg belong to the Dominion Government? If not, to whom does it belong?

He said: I find that a member of the other House has put the question whether the Dominion Government had granted the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars leave and license to erect a monument at Louisbourg commemorating the capture of that place in 1745, and that the answer was "no." I am further assured that the Minister of Militia has refused to allow Canadian militia to parade at this celebration on our soil. This information is gratifying, and so much of a vexed question is settled, but who granted that permission? One would naturally think that this affair, being of an international nature, would require the assent of the very highest authority in the land. Was permission granted to the Society of Colonial Wars by the Imperial authority? I do not know, but I cannot believe it. The British are accustomed to win battles, but, as far as my knowledge of history goes, they refrain from acting meanly after a victory. They know how to conquer, but they know, too, how to be magnanimous and act with propriety.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—They put up their own monuments.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER—They put up their own monuments, and I do not know that they have tried to go into foreign lands to erect monuments commemorating their victories there. If they were to do so, which would be absolutely unseemly, no doubt they would find themselves in many cases in trouble, because they would be in a position to erect such monuments in almost every civilized and uncivilized country in the world. But that is not the question before us now. The announcement of the intention to erect a monument commemorating the victory of 1745 over France and the French Acadians has aroused an unpleasant feeling in the maritime provinces, at least amongst a large portion of the population. I am the recipient of many letters on the question. Many newspapers have commented upon it, and not knowing from whom the American society had obtained permission, and not believing at all that such permission had been granted, such papers as *L'Evangeline*