

Immigration Bureau. I am very sorry for it, so I am not going to defend any of those gentlemen, nor do I say whether the accusation is right or wrong, but I would not like to have it go abroad that immigrants at Quebec are ill-treated, and especially that in a city so noted for gallantry, a woman should be ill-treated. O'Flaherty and the others are intelligent men and know what they are saying, and under the circumstances I should not be surprised if the government would feel obliged to have an investigation. I do not think the matter is very serious, and I am the more inclined to take this view from seeing the following editorial paragraph in the Quebec 'Chronicle,' an opposition organ at Quebec:

The reports that are going the rounds about the treatment meted out last summer to immigrants landed down at the Quebec immigration sheds should be taken 'cum grano.' There is the closest supervision, and yet that closest supervision may possibly need to be improved upon. The first steamship with its cargo of new settlers will enter port in a few days, and in the meantime every precaution should be taken to stamp out any 'bossing' that may come in sight when the newcomers are being dealt with. Instant dismissal should be the fate of any of the officials who has in his demeanour too much of the discourteous.

I remember seeing another editorial article in the 'Chronicle,' or some opposition paper in Quebec, praising the manner in which the Immigration Bureau at Quebec is managed. So far as I know, everything is kept in perfect order at the immigration building. At the same time, it might satisfy the public and re-assure public opinion if an investigation were held.

The motion was declared lost.

THE WHITE STAR DOMINION LINE.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—Can the right hon. leader of the government tell the House if there is anything decided yet about the demand for a subsidy made by the White Star Dominion line? I know the application came to the government a second time. I think the matter comes under the purview of the department of which my right hon. friend is the head. Has the government arrived at any decision?

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—No, the government has not. It would come, I think, if it is a question of the conveyance of mails, under the Post Office Department particularly.

SOILED BILLS.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—I have just been reading a report of the discussion which took place in another chamber about unclean dollar bills, and I should like to know if the government intend to withdraw such currency from circulation as soon as possible?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The government do, but that is a matter in which they have to rely very largely on the co-operation of the banks. If the banks would return to the government the worn out, soiled or defaced bills, the government are always ready to give out new bills, but the banks, unfortunately, have been rather careless about replacing the old with new bills.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—From what I know of the banks and business men in Quebec, I am sure if the government would issue a circular notifying the banks to withhold these soiled bills and that they would be replaced with new ones without delay, the banks would comply with pleasure.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I think the Department of Finance has done so, but I shall call the attention of the officials of that department to the hon. gentleman's remarks. I agree with him that it is not to our credit that those dirty bills should be kept in circulation. They are not issued directly by the government, but the banks of necessity.

The Senate adjourned until 2 p.m. to-day.

After Recess.

VACANCIES IN THE SENATE.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I should like to know if the vacancies in the Senate are to be filled during recess, and if it is the intention of the government to give us a French Minister in the Senate next session?