

to the statement made by my hon. friend (Mr. Emmerson) in reference to it.

Mr. BORDEN: I had intended to appropriate to this question some time that the hon. member for Westmorland (Mr. Emmerson) took up the other evening in discussing the Japanese treaty.

Mr. EMMERSON: I did not take up any time. I have nothing further to say.

Mr. BORDEN: I was speaking of another occasion. I had intended the other evening to bring this motion up; but my hon. friend took up a good deal of time, and we were not able to do so. I think, however, it can be arranged to take it up at an early date.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS.

Mr. KYTE: Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to call the attention of the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Hazen) to what appears to be an incomplete return brought down from his department. I moved some weeks ago for the papers relating to the dismissal of William A. Duann, lighthouse keeper at Green Island, Richmond county, including the evidence which Mr. Duchemin took at the inquiry. That evidence has not been brought down, and I should be glad if the hon. minister would supplement the return by bringing down the evidence as soon as possible.

Mr. HAZEN: If that return is incomplete, I will call the attention of the officers of the department to the matter, and at the earliest possible moment bring down the completed return.

Mr. KYTE: I would like to direct the attention of the hon. the Postmaster General (Mr. Pelletier) to several returns which were ordered by this House in the early part of the session, but which have not been brought down, namely: relating to the dismissals of Norman McAskell, postmaster at Framboise; Charles J. Lafford, postmaster at Grand Grave; John R. Morrison, postmaster at Oban; Abraham LeBlanc, postmaster at West Arichat; Frederick A. Martel, postmaster at L'Ardoise; J. Scott Nelson, postmaster at Louisdale; Leon N. Poirier, postmaster at Descouse, all in the county of Richmond; also relating to the dismissal of D. Boivard, employed in the marine shipyard at Prescott, Ontario.

Mr. PELLETIER: I am sure that the return relating to the dismissal of the Oban postmaster has been laid before the House to-day, and I think one or two others. I happened to see some of the returns in the office. They were being compared and will be brought down at an early date.

Mr. LAW: I would like to call the attention of the hon. the Postmaster General

to three returns which I moved for nearly two months ago, namely, relating to the dismissals of Jesse L. Morton, postmaster at Lower Argyle; Mrs. M. Gaudet, postmistress at West Pubnico; and W. S. Porter, postmaster at Port Maitland. If the closure rule has not been applied to the Post Office Department, I should like to be favoured with the returns as soon as possible.

Mr. PELLETIER: I think that statement is not quite fair. I am doing my best to bring down these returns as soon as possible. I have brought some down to-day, and I hope to bring down some more in a day or so. I hope those of my hon. friend will be included in them.

Mr. JOSEPH DEMERS (St. Johns and Iberville: (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, before we proceed with the Orders of the Day, I wish to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Nantel) to a return in connection with the dismissal of Mr. A. N. Deland, collector of inland revenue at St. Johns.

I understand that the above return does not include a letter from Mr. Deland addressed to the Minister, asking for an inquiry, and also a copy of the Minister's answer to such request. These papers are not included in the return, and I trust the hon. Minister will see that they are brought down.

An hon. MEMBER: The Minister of Inland Revenue has not answered.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand the hon. member for St. John has asked a question, and awaits an answer.

Mr. PELLETIER: He has his answer.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I do not understand the Minister of Inland Revenue has answered—he did not rise from his seat.

Hon. Mr. NANTEL: (Translation.) I answered in a way to be understood by the hon. gentleman from St. Johns. I took note of what he said, and if the return is incomplete, I shall have it completed.

Mr. DEMERS: (Translation.) The hon. gentleman was content with nodding to me in answer to my inquiry.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MACLEAN (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I desire to refer, for the purpose of eliciting some information, to an incident which occurred in this House on Wednesday last in connection with and at the time of the introduction of the resolution respecting the closure. It will take me just a moment to explain the matter to the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. member is hardly in order in discussing that subject just now.