

# House of Commons Debates

## SECOND SESSION—ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, February 22, 1910.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY—CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIAL.

Mr. A. H. CLARKE, in the absence of the chairman, Mr. Geoffrion, presented the second report of the special committee on the Lumsden charges, as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to investigate charges and allegations made by Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden regarding a portion of the engineering staff of the Transcontinental railway beg leave to present the following as their second report: Your committee recommend that the proceedings and evidence taken by the committee be printed from day to day for the use of the committee, and that rule 72 be suspended in reference thereto.

Mr. A. H. CLARKE moved that the report be concurred in.

Mr. HENDERSON. I notice that the report recommends the printing of the evidence for the use of the committee. The members of the House are all deeply interested in this, and I think a sufficient number of copies should be printed to give every member a fair supply.

Mr. SPROULE. Is it understood that a larger number will be printed, because I think it would be very desirable? Every member should be given an opportunity of examining the evidence before the committee has made its report to the House, so that he will be in a better position to deal with it when it reaches the House. I would move that the motion be amended to that effect.

Mr. FIELDING. Although the motion reads that the report be printed for the use of the committee, it invariably happens that there is a somewhat larger number available, and I have no doubt that if any hon. member desires the report he will be able to obtain it. Of course, it does not come to the House until the committee has reported, but I think there will be no difficulty in any hon. gentleman obtaining a

sufficient number of copies through the committee.

Motion agreed to.

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. GERMAN. I have a notice on the order paper which is No. 15 among the notices of motion. It would necessarily have to come up on private member's day, but as there will be no more private members' days, I beg leave to withdraw the motion as I wish to bring it up in another form.

Motion withdrawn.

#### COMMANDER WAKEHAM'S REPORT ON LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

Mr. SINCLAIR moved that the fifth report of the Select Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries be now concurred in.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What is the report?

Mr. SINCLAIR. During the recess Commander Wakeham, an officer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, was appointed to take evidence with reference to the lobster industry. He completed his work and brought in his report recommending certain changes in the fishery law. These recommendations have been referred to the Committee on Marine and Fisheries. The committee recommend that a thousand copies of Commander Wakeham's report be printed.

Motion agreed to.

### INQUIRIES FOR PAPERS, &c.

On the orders of the day being called:

Mr. PUGSLEY. I wish to answer a question which was asked yesterday by the hon. member for Welland (Mr. German). He made an inquiry as to a return which was moved for at the last session of parliament with regard to the dredges which are owned by the government and their operation for the last four years. The return has been prepared and has left my department, in the ordinary course to go to the Department of the Secretary of State, and I presume that within a day or two it will be ready for submission to the House.