

House of Commons Debates

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, March 3, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 89) respecting the Monterey Electric and Gas Company, and to change its name to the Monterey Railway, Light and Power Company.—Mr. Macdonell—by Mr. Ingram.

Bill (No. 90) respecting the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company.—Mr. R. Smith—by Mr. Gallihier.

Bill (No. 91) respecting the Temagami Railway Company.—Mr. McCool.

Bill (No. 92) respecting the Ottawa and New York Railway Company.—Mr. Belcourt.

Bill (No. 93) respecting the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada.—Mr. J. J. Hughes—by Mr. McIsaac.

Bill (No. 94) respecting the Brockville, Westport, and Northwestern Railway Company.—Mr. Derbyshire—by Mr. M. S. Schell.

Bill (No. 95) respecting Gillies Bros., Limited.—Mr. A. A. Wright.

Bill (No. 96) respecting the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway Company.—Mr. Geoffrion.

Bill (No. 97) respecting the Kingston and Dominion Central Railway, and to change its name to the Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Georgian Bay Railway Company.—Mr. Harty.

INQUIRY FOR RETURNS.

Hon. GEO. E. FOSTER. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would point out to the Minister of Railways that in compliance with the order of the House yesterday in reference to the hay matter, he brought down a supplementary return, but the main return which was ordered five days before, he has not brought down, and of course the codicil is of no use without the will. I wish to have the return as soon as possible.

THE BUDGET.

Mr. FOSTER. I may be a little premature, but I would like to know if the Minister of Finance can tell us, about what time he proposes to bring down the financial statement.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). I am not prepared to state at present but I will do so on an early day.

Mr. FOSTER. It will not be I suppose for a day or two?

Mr. FIELDING. Not for a few days to come, but an answer will be given in due time so that my hon. friend will have ample notice.

DOMINION LANDS—INQUIRY.

Mr. FOSTER. I wish to ask the Minister of the Interior, or the minister who is acting for him, when I may expect the return ordered early in the session as to the lands that had been sold in the Northwest during the past year.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I brought down a report about lands a few days ago.

Mr. FOSTER. That is not what I referred to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I will have the matter attended to.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS—INQUIRY RE PUBLICATION.

Mr. FOSTER. Has the First Minister had time yet during these busy hours, to inquire as to an official statement or semi-official statement that was distributed recently in reference to separate schools in the different provinces?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I understand it was distributed by the Secretary of State, and I am further told that the document contains no comment but is composed simply of extracts from the former debates of the House.

Mr. FOSTER. My criticism was that though there is no argument in so many words, yet the whole is arranged in the form of a sustained argument and the clauses