

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—They might not know where he was.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—They would know as well as the Government would know.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—No, because in this particular case, the man enlisted, went to Vancouver, and joined a regiment or something. I presume the Militia Department would know where to find him, but the man trying to get the homestead would not be in a position to obtain the information.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—Hon. gentlemen will notice that after all these Orders in Council, Nos. 2, 3, 4, etc., are recited, the resolution says "And the same are now so approved." What would be the effect supposing we did not approve of them? Would they be null and void?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I should not say so. I should say they would be operative up to the present time.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I only seek information. I suppose these questions have been up before, but my attention has been drawn to this and people say, "There is no use talking about it because the Orders in Council have been passed, and the matter is concluded," but others say, "No, they are being approved now." They must be brought before us for a purpose, and we are here approving of them without knowing anything about them.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I presume they are operative until something else is done. If they are not approved, and if hon. gentlemen will point out any good reasons why they should not be approved, I have no doubt they would be amended accordingly.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I take it for granted that the Government, in passing these orders, have authority by some Act of Parliament to pass them. I suppose the Dominion Lands Act gives them authority to do certain things by Order in Council. I do not see why they want them approved. If it is necessary that they should be approved, then the Government must have been exceeding their power. If the Act gives them power to pass an order to amend regulations in reference to these things, I do not see why we should intervene, unless they are doing something for which the law does not provide.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The statute provides that the Order in Council shall be laid on the table of both Houses of Par-

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liament at the session after it is passed, and it is simply in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Parliament that these are laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—But it would not make any difference whether we approved of them or not. They are still operative.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If they are not approved, and good objection is shown, the opportunity will be given to amend them accordingly.

Hon. Mr. KERR—There is a good deal to be said in favour of the argument that before we undertake to ratify a thing we should know what we are approving. No one knows what action has been taken, so that it really is asking us to go it blind, so to speak, and adopt whatever has been done. There may be a lot of that done which might be custom. I do not say there is. I know nothing about it. No one can say, because we know nothing about it. The hon. Minister himself does not seem to be able to explain what has been done.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—They embrace a lot of information.

Hon. Mr. KERR—Is there any objection to its standing over until to-morrow?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, it can stand over until my hon. friend satisfies himself. Say Thursday next.

The motion was allowed to stand until Thursday next.

DELAYED RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—May I inquire of my hon. friend if he has any answers about the correspondence I asked for.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I regret to say I have not. I must confess I have forgotten about it.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—I thought the hon. gentleman would forget it, because it is a pretty fishy question.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I understand it is a question my hon. friend interests himself in.

ONTARIO BI-LINGUAL SCHOOL QUESTION.

DEBATE RESUMED.

The Order of the Day being called:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. David, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McHugh:—

This House, without derogating from the principle of Provincial autonomy, deems it proper and within its powers and jurisdiction and in