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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Speaker: HON. ALBERT SÉVIGNY.

Tuesday, March 21, 1916.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. KEMP: The hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Turriff) yesterday asked the following question:

I should like to ask the acting Minister of Militia whether the report is true that Colonel Bain has been appointed chief transport officer for the Militia Department.

The answer is: "No."

FAIR WAGE CLAUSE IN MUNITION CONTRACTS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. KNOWLES: The Ottawa Citizen of March 7 contained an interview given by Mr. J. G. Watters, president of the Dominion Trades and Labour Congress, in regard to a fair wage clause being inserted in munition contracts, and he is reported to have said:

The Premier had shown him part of a confidential cablegram which he had received from Lloyd George in which he positively asserted that he was opposed to the inserting of the fair wage clause in munition contracts issued by the Imperial Government to Canadian contractors.

I would ask the Prime Minister if Lloyd George, either by cablegram or otherwise, did communicate with him to that effect, namely, positively asserting that he was opposed to inserting a fair wage clause in munition contracts issued by the Imperial Government to Canadian contractors.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have no recollection at the moment that such a message was received from Lloyd George. There has been some confidential correspondence in

regard to wage and labour conditions in Canada. I do not recollect a message in the terms which my hon. friend has mentioned.

RECORD OF DECORATIONS OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. MARCIL: I would ask the hon. the acting Minister of Militia if it would not be a wise thing to have a Government publication of some kind giving a list of the Canadians who have been decorated either by the British, French or other Governments. I had a request from a constituent of mine for a list of Canadians who have been decorated for their services abroad, but I understand from the Militia Department that there is no record kept of these decorations. Would the minister give the matter some attention, and see if it would not be possible to have a record of some kind?

Mr. KEMP: A record will no doubt be compiled as soon as possible. The hon. gentleman says that he has been informed that there is no record. I think that is correct. I will make inquiries and see what can be done towards compiling such a record as soon as possible.

PLANS OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. ROGERS: I would like to state that the architects have completed the first sketch plans of the proposed rebuilding of the House of Commons. They are on view in Room No. 1. The architects will be there between now and six o'clock, and will be glad to receive and explain the plans to any hon. members who wish to inspect them.

COMMANDEERING OF COASTING VESSELS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. PUGSLEY: I would like to invite the attention of my right hon. friend the Prime Minister to the fact that owing, I