

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That a select committee composed of Messrs. Bourassa, Bristol, Brodeur, Calvert, Demers, Pardee, Hyman, Laurier (Sir Wilfrid), Knowles, Grant, Smith (Nanaimo), Foster, Bergeron, Stockton and Monk, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the library of parliament so far as the interests of this House are concerned and to act as members of a joint committee of both Houses on the library ; and that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours herewith.

Motion agreed to.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours that this House will unite with them in the formation of a joint committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament, and that the members of the select standing committee, viz.: Messrs. Bergeron, Bristol, Cyr, Dymont, Gervais, Henderson, Hughes (Victoria), Johnston, Laverne (Drummond and Arthabaska), Logan, Maclean (York, South), McColl, Macpherson, Oliver, Pardee, Parmelee, Piché, Roche (Marquette), Ross (Yale-Cariboo), Smith (Oxford), Smith (Wentworth), Taylor, Tisdale and Ver-ville will act as members, on the part of this House, on the said Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Auditor General's Report, for the year ending June 30, 1905. Volume 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 14) to amend the Weights and Measures Act.—Mr. Campbell.

QUESTIONS.

QU'APPELLE, LONG LAKE AND SASKATCHEWAN RAILROAD CO.—LAND GRANT.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN asked :

1. Did the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company become entitled to receive or select any public lands under any and what statute, or under and what contract with the government?

2. To what quantity did it become entitled?

3. What area of land was reserved in the first instance out of which the company was to select its grant?

4. What were the boundaries of such area?

5. Did the company dispose of its land grant or any and what portion thereof to any

corporation person or persons? If so, when and to whom and upon what terms and under what agreement?

6. If the company's land grant, or some portion thereof, was so disposed of, did the company in making such disposition assign or convey to the purchaser any particular area of land or land to be selected within some particular area, or did it assign or convey to the purchaser simply its claim against the government in respect of the whole or some portion of its land grant ; or how otherwise did it make the said disposition?

7. Was the area for the selection of any and what portion of the company's land grant afterwards altered, changed or enlarged in any way?

8. Was the area for the selection of the land so disposed of by the company altered, changed or enlarged by order in council or otherwise?

9. If so, at what date, by what instrument, to what extent and in what respect was any such change, enlargement or alteration made?

10. How long was this after the company had made the disposition of its land grant above referred to?

11. If any such change, enlargement or alteration in the area aforesaid was made by order in council passed in August, 1902, or thereabouts, on whose recommendation and at whose request, for what reason and upon what grounds was the said order in council passed?

12. When was the passing of such order in council first communicated to the said company?

13. Is the said company indebted to the government? If so, in what sums for principal and of interest respectively, and under what instrument or authority was such indebtedness created?

14. Does the government hold any and what security for such indebtedness? If so, what is the nature of the security, and what its estimated value?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). As the question involves a great deal of labour, I would like to have it stand.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The hon. gentleman will remember that I gave notice of this question some time before the House opened in order that there might not be any delay in obtaining the answer. I trust that some diligence will be exercised.

Mr. OLIVER. I assure the hon. gentleman that there will be no serious delay.

WRECKS ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN asked :

1. How many wrecks occurred in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence during the season of 1905?

2. How many of said wrecks resulted in total loss of ship and cargo, or either?

3. To what cause was each of the said wrecks due?

4. What is the value of the property lost or destroyed by reason of said wrecks?