

Sir SAM HUGHES: The reference I made was to two or three men who went from St. John to Sussex.

Mr. PUGSLEY: There were some twenty.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I may say that no respectable or reputable young coloured man in the Dominion of Canada has been rejected as far as I have any information in regard to the matter. Such men are accepted, they make excellent soldiers and are very handy in various ways around the camp.

#### COL. PAPINEAU.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: I should like to ask the hon. Minister of Militia and Defence (Sir Sam Hughes) if anybody has replaced Col. Papineau at the Wellington Barracks School at Halifax whilst he is engaged at the newly-established school in Ottawa, and if the minister does not think it is hardly fair to the Wellington Barracks school to have him away from there?

Sir SAM HUGHES: The Wellington Barracks school will be conducted by the officer next in command. Colonel Papineau will be here for a very short time. We have splendid officers and instructors at the Wellington Barracks school to take the matter in hand. Colonel Papineau is not the only officer in Canada who is capable of conducting the school.

#### ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BILL.

##### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT.

On the order for the second reading of Bill No. 2, to amend the Criminal Code.—Mr. Bickerdike.

Mr. BICKERDIKE: It has been suggested that I should delay asking for the second reading of the Bill until my hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Doherty) returns. Under these circumstances I have no objection to postponing it. I would like to have it understood, however, that I would not lose my turn on the Order Paper. The Minister of Justice may be away for some time, and I want the Bill to become law this session. I would like the right hon. the Prime Minister to say that I shall not lose my turn.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think the request is quite reasonable. My hon. friend [Mr. Pugsley.]

the Minister of Justice is expected to be here early next week, probably on Monday.

Order stands.

#### COMMANDEERING OF WHEAT.

Mr. W. M. MARTIN (for Mr. Knowles) moved:

For a copy of all orders in council, letters, telegrams, reports and other documents in connection with the commandeering of wheat about the 27th November, 1915, and in connection with the disposal of such wheat.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I have no objection to this passing, with the proviso that the Government must exercise its discretion as to which of these papers may be brought down. A number of them may be brought down without any public interest being harmed in any way. Others, however, are so much connected with negotiations from the other side that at the present time they could not properly be brought down.

4 p.m. Everything necessary to a reasonable understanding of the question, can, I think, be placed before the House.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND MARKETING OF FISH.

Mr. CLARENCE JAMESON (Digby) moved:

That, whereas, fish is a highly nutritious and palatable article of food, of which abundant supplies are continually available at low prices at the sea-coast and inland waters of Canada; and, whereas, in order that an increased demand for fish might be speedily developed in the interior markets of the country by having the same placed thereon in prime condition and at moderate prices, the Government has been and is assisting the industry, under certain conditions, by paying a portion of the express charges, and providing more adequate transportation facilities; notwithstanding which, the prices at which fish can be purchased in such interior markets seems unreasonably high, as compared with those received by the producer, which condition is militating against the ends in view.

Therefore, be it resolved, that, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that an inquiry should be made to determine if possible the cause or causes of the great discrepancy between the price of fish at the places of production and that charged on the interior markets.

And it is further resolved, that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Marine and Fisheries, with instructions to consider the subject matter thereof and make such inquiry.

He said: I wish to acknowledge the courtesy of hon. gentlemen on both sides of the House in permitting this resolution, which stands ninth in order, to take precedence over the others. The subject with which it deals is an important one; it appeals, I