

Mr. Canan. We have a clerk of works who looks after the work of this dredge and makes reports.

It being Six o'clock, the committee rose for recess.

### After Recess.

#### FAST ATLANTIC SS. SERVICE.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). Before we proceed with the business of the evening, I may mention for the information of the hon. leader of the Opposition, that we did receive, this afternoon, a formal communication from Her Majesty's Government to the effect that they approved of the arrangements for the fast Atlantic line.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Is the hon. gentleman (Sir Richard Cartwright) in a position to say, generally, what the terms of the arrangement are?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. The arrangements are those, substantially, which were previously communicated to the House. An offer was made by the Messrs. Peterson, Tate & Company to perform the fast Atlantic service at a stipulated speed rather exceeding twenty knots per hour, say 500 knots per day, from port to port. This is to be done in consideration of \$500,000 a year to be paid by us, and \$250,000 or thereabouts to be paid by Her Majesty's Government. Of course, I will, at the earliest moment, lay on the Table the contract and details.

#### THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 17) to incorporate the Winnipeg, Duluth and Hudson Bay Railway Company.—(Mr. Campbell, for Mr. Macdonell.)

Bill (No. 19) respecting the Manitoba and South-Eastern Railway Company.—(Mr. Sutherland, for Mr. Landerkin.)

Bill (No. 49) respecting the Richelieu and Lake Memphremagog Railway Company.—(Mr. Campbell, for Mr. Belcourt.)

Bill (No. 58) respecting the Témiscouata Railway Company.—(Mr. Campbell, for Mr. Domville.)

Bill (No. 71) respecting the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company.—(Mr. Bergeron.)

Bill (No. 73) to incorporate the Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan Railway Company.—(Mr. Morrison, for Mr. Bostock.)

Bill (No. 55) to incorporate the Minden and North-Western Railway Company.—(Mr. Campbell.) Title changed to "The Minden and Muskoka Railway Company."—(Mr. Sutherland.)

Mr. TARTE.

#### IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 43) respecting the Canada Southern Railway Company.—(Mr. Sproule, for Mr. Ingram.)

Bill (No. 80) to revive and amend the Acts respecting the Quebec Bridge Company.—(Mr. Sutherland, for Mr. Langelier.)

Bill (No. 54) respecting the North American Life Assurance Company.—(Mr. Sutherland, for Mr. Lount.)

Bill (No. 91) respecting the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada.—(Mr. Rosamond.)

Bill (No. 103) respecting the Canadian Fire Insurance Company.—(Mr. Landerkin.)

#### RESTIGOUCHE AND VICTORIA RAILWAY.

House resumed further consideration of the proposed motion of Mr. Wood (Hamilton) for second reading of Bill (No. 99) respecting the Restigouche and Victoria Railway Company.

Mr. McALISTER. I wish to state that I received a telegram yesterday from the warden of the municipal council of the county of Restigouche.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I would remind the hon. gentleman that he has already spoken on this question.

Mr. McALISTER. I was simply going to read the telegram. At the close of a special meeting of the municipal council, held at Dalhousie, the warden sent me a telegram, as follows:—

Special meeting of Restigouche Council to-day. Resolution unanimously passed that Bill respecting Restigouche and Victoria Railway Company and Restigouche Railway and Bridge Company do not pass.

That is merely the telegram; the resolutions will be prepared and forwarded in a few days. I ask that this Bill be not further proceeded with until the resolutions come to hand. There will be a joint meeting of the two municipal councils of Bonaventure and Restigouche counties either at the end of this week or at the beginning of next.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I think it only reasonable that my hon. friend's request be complied with, and that this Bill stand over until the hon. gentleman receives further information.

Mr. SUTHERLAND. It is evident that a Bill like this can be considered much better in committee than here. The hon. gentleman who proposed the Bill has generously said that he does not want to block Bills behind it, and the leader of the Opposition will see that details had better be considered in committee than on the second reading.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.