

1. Dr. J. D. R. Williams is the collector at Cardinal.

2. His salary is \$700 a year. The total cost of maintaining the office is \$1,020.29.

3. The receipts from the office for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1903, were \$1,561.91.

4. The tolls were only suspended for two years; pending the experiment, the officer has been retained for the purpose of collecting statistics. The matter of future employment is now under consideration.

PAY TO THE MILITIA OF CANADA.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolutions:

1. Resolved, that the general officer commanding the militia shall be paid at the rate of \$6,000 per annum; the adjutant general, at the rate of \$3,200 per annum; and the quartermaster general, at the rate of \$2,200 per annum.

2. Resolved, that the permanent force shall be entitled to daily pay and allowances at the rates prescribed by the Governor in Council; and that the pay of privates shall not exceed 75 cents a day, and of buglers under 18 years of age, 40 cents a day.

3. Resolved, that officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers of the active militia, other than the permanent force, shall be entitled to pay at rates prescribed by the Governor in Council; and that the pay of privates therein shall be at the rate of 50 cents a day on appointment, which may be increased to a maximum of \$1 a day during the third year of service.

4. Resolved, that an allowance of one dollar per diem, or such other rate as may be prescribed, will be paid to each officer and man for every horse actually and necessarily used by him, when on active service, during a period of annual drill and training, or when otherwise on duty as aforesaid.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would like to ask my right hon. friend what business will be taken up to-morrow?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. To-morrow we intend to take up the Militia Bill, and after disposing of the Militia Bill we will go into Supply. I am informed that the report of the Auditor General will be laid on the table to-morrow morning.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I hope my right hon. friend will not forget to bring down the documents and the correspondence between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company respecting the amendments to the agreement.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I expect to be in a position to lay that correspondence on the table of the House at a very early date. Then I would like to make an arrangement with my hon. friend to take up the Grand Trunk Pacific Bill on a date to be agreed upon by the two sides of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. That would be quite satisfactory, except that I would like to have a day or two to consider the correspondence after it is brought down.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Certainly.

Mr. JABEL ROBINSON. I would ask the Prime Minister if it is the intention of the government to introduce a Bill in regard to Sabbath observance?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The government have been approached by the Sunday Observance Association and asked to introduce a Bill upon that subject. There is a much involved question as to the jurisdiction of this parliament which may come into conflict with the jurisdiction of the provinces. This matter has been referred to the law officers of the Crown for their advice, and until we get their advice I am not able to answer the question of my hon. friend.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, March 22, 1904.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

IRREGULARITY IN PETITION.

Mr. SPEAKER. The Clerk of the House informs me that a petition was presented from James E. Taylor, applying for a divorce, and that there is no name of a member of the House attached to the petition. I would remind hon. gentlemen that it is the rule of the House that a petition shall bear the name of an hon. member, because some member should assume the responsibility for each petition presented. I would ask the hon. gentleman who presented this petition to give his name to the Clerk.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Award of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal.—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Prime Minister).

Report of the Auditor General for the year ended June 30, 1903.—Hon. W. S. Fielding (Minister of Finance).

Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the year ended October 31, 1903.—Hon. Sydney Fisher (Minister of Agriculture).