

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Mr. Haultain, that upon an application being made to him and a fee of one dollar accompanying that application, for every gallon of liquor to be taken into the territories, the permit will be granted. The gentleman came to me and asked my advice about the matter as to whether I thought, if he did that, the government here would annul any permit that would be granted to him. I frankly say, that I told him that under the circumstances the authority had been assumed by the North-west Territories, and if he obtained a permit from them, I thought he would be quite justified in going on with his trading operations and take chances as to the future—that if it was annulled by the Dominion government, they certainly would have to refund the money which was given them. Whether that has been brought under the notice of my hon. friend or the Department of the Interior, of course, I do not know. It is quite evident it must be referred to the Justice Department in order to ascertain really what the powers are that have been granted to the North-west government by the Act of the Dominion Parliament, and my hon. friend, no doubt, will look into that, and then he will be able to give the gentleman who asks the question, more clear and definite information.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—My hon. friend knows that the powers of the government of the North-west Territories and the legislature have not been increased for some years. They are now what they have been and they are not exercising any new power.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I did not say they were.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—No, and so far as the Yukon country is concerned, I told my hon. friend we intend to legislate on that, and until we do legislate the government of that country is, theoretically at all events, under the North-west Territories.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think I may add to what has been said by the Minister of Justice that it is quite unlikely that any permits are being issued now. I know that about three weeks ago I sent a telegram to Mr. Richardson stating what the desire of this government was, that it was their desire not to issue any licenses. About ten days ago I received a telegram from him asking

whether that applied to all licenses where the license was simply a personal one for a small quantity of liquor, and my answer to him was that it was to apply to all licenses and it was the desire of this government, for the present at all events, that no permits should be granted by the administrator. I have no doubt he is governing himself accordingly.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—About ten days ago a member of the government, who is now on his way to the Yukon, and Mr. Victor Dodds, an official of the executive staff there, who had charge of the issuing of the liquor licenses in the North-west Territories, has gone with him to establish and regulate the matter in the Yukon.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Of course we have no control at present until power is obtained by legislation. I suppose under the general powers possessed by the North-west government, they have the control at present, but knowing it was our desire that no permits should be issued for the present and that it was intended to take the Yukon district out of the North-west Territories, I assumed they would conform.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—I think it very improper on their part to send a man as they have.

THE ADDRESS.

THE DEBATE CONTINUED.

The Order of the Day having been called,

Resuming the further adjourned debate on the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the Third Session of the Eighth Parliament.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM said :—I can assure the House that I will detain you but a very short time. I am not going to make a very long speech, but before I shall say anything about the speech from the Throne I may say there have been some changes in this House since last I had the pleasure of addressing it. I see that we have now a new leader in this House, the Minister of Justice. I have no doubt he will discharge his duty satisfactorily to his party, and I hope to the country, and to the Senate. I have known him for a long time, and I am glad to see him here. I am very glad to see him leading the government, and holding