

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Any discussion or criticism of these can be made on any other item; on that understanding they might be allowed to pass so as not to inconvenience the civil servants who want their salaries.

Mr. FISHER. Would my hon. friend put No. 53 in; it is for salaries.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I will put that in also.

Mr. TAYLOR. What items remain?

Mr. FISHER. No. 48 is not for salaries and I do not want that. I want items 46, 47, 49 and 53.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. When are they likely to come up?

Mr. FISHER. I am willing to go on to-morrow if the hon. gentleman will let me.

Some resolutions reported.

Mr. FIELDING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What business to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. The Minister of Agriculture will continue.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, June 12, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eleven o'clock.

QUEBEC BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN (Lunenburg) moved:

That the report of the Royal Commission on the Quebec bridge inquiry, together with the evidence (sessional papers No. 154) be referred to the select special committee appointed to investigate the conditions and guarantees under which the Dominion government paid moneys to the Quebec Bridge Company.

Mr. MONK. I understand that the principal object of this motion is to place all the results of the inquiry made by the Royal Commission, with the evidence in support thereof, at the disposal of the committee named by the House to hold an investigation into the financial situation with reference to the bridge. It will greatly abridge

the work of the committee and enable it to dispense with a great deal of evidence being repeated before that committee.

Motion agreed to.

PETIT ROCHER WHARF.

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). My hon. friend from Leeds (Mr. Taylor) asked me if I would lay on the table of the House further papers with reference to the Petit Rocher breakwater. I now lay upon the table the papers with reference to the second contract. While they are not asked for and it is not usual to produce them to the House upon a motion simply for correspondence, tenders, contracts, &c., yet I felt that my hon. friend might desire to have them upon this occasion and I lay on the table the reports of the engineer on the progress of the work from time to time both on the first and second contracts.

SASKATCHEWAN VALLEY LAND COMPANY.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Carleton, Ontario). I would like to ask the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver) whether he has any reply with respect to the matter that I brought to his attention on the 26th May. He promised to make a statement on the following day but I am not aware that he did so. It had reference to an inquiry of Mr. Normal Willerton respecting arrangements made with the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). I have a statement here in regard to the matter:

The northeast quarter of section 12, township 24, range 1, west of the third meridian, was patented on the 10th of March, 1908, to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company under the terms of the order in council of the 24th of May, 1902.

Section 4 of the said order apparently applies to this case, and is quoted hereunder:

It is agreed that the purchasers shall place twenty settlers on free homestead lands which may be sold by the purchasers before they shall be entitled to the remaining even-numbered sections; in other words, there shall be in each township twenty quarter-sections to be settled on by homesteaders and twelve by the company on other sections which the settler may purchase, to entitle the purchasers to buy from the department the balance of the even-numbered sections at the disposal of the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Norman Willerton has no doubt transacted his business direct with the company and purchased under settlement conditions as agreed between the company and the government.