

tion of it dealing with the liquor traffic. And I find that fines have been imposed on those who engage in this illicit liquor traffic to the extent of \$9,000. That does not include British Columbia, I presume they deal in Peruna out there. But judging by this report and the number of fines, the officers of the department are anxious that the door should not be widened and the Indians subjected to greater temptation to indulge in intoxicating liquors. I therefore should prefer that this Bill should be withdrawn or held over some time longer.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. If my hon. friend is disposed to withdraw his Bill, my hon. colleague will be only to glad to withdraw his amendment.

Mr. MONK. If the government have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to accede to the proposal, it will be useless for me to press the Bill. It would be more satisfactory to those who are interested in the passage of this measure that it should be declared lost on division.

Motion (Mr. Monk) negatived, on division.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. DANIEL. I understood the adjourned debate on the motion the hon. member for Kings (Mr. Hughes) regarding the representation of the maritime provinces would come on to-night. I think the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Turgeon) adjourned the debate and was to take it up to-night.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I did not call the item because the mover (Mr. Hughes) is not in the House nor is the leader of the opposition who, I understood, wants to speak on it.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 9.15 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, April 26, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

QUESTIONS.

LAND GRANTS TO RAILWAYS IN NORTH-WEST.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY asked:

1. How many acres of land in Saskatchewan and Alberta were granted to satisfy the land Mr. INGRAM.

grants of the Manitoba and Southeastern Railway Company, the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway Company, and the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company, respectively, or to any railways which are now part of the Canadian Northern system?

2. How many acres of land are still held to satisfy said grants, and where located?

3. To what mileage of said railways were these land grants applied?

4. To what mileage of said railways was cash subsidy applied?

5. What lands were granted in the province of Manitoba to the same railways?

6. To what mileage does the guarantee of bonds of the Dominion government apply?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. No lands have been granted to satisfy the land grant of the Manitoba and Southeastern Railway Company in Saskatchewan or Alberta.

There has been patented to the Canadian Northern Railway Company as the legal successor of the Winnipeg Great Northern Railway Company and of the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company on account of land grants earned by construction of these railways, a total area of 17,883 acres in Saskatchewan. No other lands have been patented on account of land grants to the Canadian Northern Railway Company either in Saskatchewan or Alberta.

2. An area of about 4,900,000 acres is held in the province of Manitoba. An area of about 4,280,000 acres is held in Saskatchewan. No lands are held for account of these land grants in Alberta. In the Northwest Territories between the province of Manitoba and township 50 an area of about 600,000 acres is held in reserve. North of township 49, in the Northwest Territories, there is an area of about 10,250,000 acres reserved along the line of the proposed railway to Hudson bay.

Of the above area of 4,280,000 acres held in Saskatchewan 750,000 acres is land also held along the line of the railway company to Hudson bay.

3. The Canadian Northern Railway Company has constructed of land subsidized line a total mileage of 296.45 miles in Manitoba and 22.16 miles in Saskatchewan. There is no land subsidized line of this railway company in Alberta.

4. The transport subsidy contracts under which payments of \$80,000 per annum for 20 years from the year 1896 are made to the Canadian Northern Railway Company cover a total mileage of this company's lines of 249.75 miles, all in Manitoba. In addition there was paid a cash subsidy of \$3,200 per mile for 120.54 miles, from the 227.10 mile to the 347.64 mile northerly and westerly from Gladstone.