

That is open to some discussion. As a general rule, I would say that able-bodied men doing any intelligent work in Canada should be able to earn \$1.50 a day. But let us not conceal from ourselves the fact that many workmen receive less in private life. I know that there are among our government officials persons who are earning less money, and nobody seems particularly concerned about them. Some are messengers, whose work requires that they shall be very intelligent men, do not receive \$1.50 a day. When you consider that the labourer who receives \$1.50 a day only works for a portion of his time, you see that he is not so well paid on the whole as others who may get a less rate per day, but who have the advantage of steady employment, as is the case with the men employed in the government service. I am resisting this motion, not for any lack of sympathy for the men concerned, because my sympathies go out entirely to them. I have no doubt that the discussion this evening will have the useful purpose of assisting the ministers concerned in fixing a rate of wages which will be more satisfactory than that of the past. But I believe it is not wise that the House should commit itself in this hasty way in these matters, when they are engaging the attention of the ministers who have the management of these particular branches of the public service. I think we would be unwise to proceed to a division on this motion. I move that the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. HUGHES (King's). In view of the statement made by the Prime Minister, I am willing, as seconder of the motion, that it should be withdrawn.

House divided on amendment (Hon. Mr. Fielding).

YEAS :

Messieurs

Bazinet,	Lavergne,
Béland,	Legris,
Borden (King's, N.S.),	Lemieux,
Bourassa,	Macdonald,
Bourbonnais,	Mackie,
Brown,	MacKinnon,
Bureau,	MacLaren (Huntingdon)
Calvert,	McCreary,
Campbell,	McGugan,
Carbonneau,	McIsaac,
Carroll,	McLennan,
Champagne,	Malouin,
Delisle,	Marcl (Bonaventure),
Demers (St. John),	Matheson,
Dugas,	Monet,
Emmerson,	Paterson,
Farquharson,	Ross (Rimouski),
Fielding,	Ross (Victoria, N.S.),
Flint,	Russell,
Fortier,	Scott,
Geoffrion,	Sifton,
Girard,	Stewart,
Hughes (King's, P.E.I.),	Talbot,
Johnston (Cape Breton),	Tarte,

Hon. Mr. FIELDING.

Kendall,
Lang,
Laurier (Sir Wilfrid),
Tobin,
Tucker,
Turgeon.—54.

NAYS :

Messieurs

Alcorn,	LaRivière,
Barker,	Léonard,
Blain,	Monk,
Borden (Halifax),	Morin,
Boyd,	Osler,
Calvin,	Puttee,
Earle,	Richardson,
Fowler,	Roche (Marquette),
Gallery,	Taylor,
Kaulbach,	Tolton,
Kidd,	Vrooman.—23.
Lancaster,	

Amendment agreed to, and debate adjourned.

MOTIONS AGREED TO WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

Copies of all tenders received by the Post Office Department in June, 1901, for carrying mail between Hamilton and Guelph.—Mr. Smith (Wentworth) by Mr. Taylor.

Copy of the petition sent to the government asking for the dismissal of Mr. H. Therein, postmaster at Grandes Piles, in the province of Quebec; and copies of all correspondence between the government and all persons interested in the subject of such dismissal.—Mr. Ball, by Mr. Taylor.

Return showing names of parties who took part in the battle of the 'Windmill,' near Prescott, Ontario, and who have since received pensions; and for what reasons. Also, the names of those who are at present receiving pensions on account of said battle.—Mr. Reid (Grenville), by Mr. Taylor.

Copies of the petitions from the electors of the counties of St. John, of Iberville, and of Missisquoi, during the year 1901, objecting to the construction of a new dam at the foot of Ste. Therese Island, in the Richelieu River; copies of the Chambly Manufacturing Company's petition and plans; copies of the engineers' reports and of the Order in Council, dated the 30th January, 1902.—Mr. Demers (St. John and Iberville).

Return showing the number of locomotives, coaches and cars of the several kinds on the stock list of the Intercolonial Railway, and the Prince Edward Island Railway, respectively, the designating number of each, the date when it was first received into service, its present condition, whether it is now in active service, and if not, the date on which it was last in service.—Mr. Barker.

On motion of the Prime Minister, House adjourned at 12.55 a.m. Tuesday.