

a great deal on his hands, I do not myself see why there should be any objections to the names of parties who loan money being made known to this House. I do not recollect on any previous occasion, that particular information having been refused, and I fail myself to see that there can be any sufficient reason for not doing it. Of course, it is a matter which, to a certain extent, we must acknowledge rests in the discretion of the Government; but it is a new precedent, as far as my memory serves me, and I do not remember the information being refused before.

Mr. BOWELL. During the last Session of Parliament the late Finance Minister did, as the hon. gentleman states, give the names of the banks and the parties from whom the money was borrowed, but the hon. gentleman has forgotten that when a second motion came before the House—and I think if he refers to the *Hansard* he will find it there recorded—the Finance Minister then refused to give the names of the parties from whom the money was borrowed, stating at the time—

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. The hon. gentleman himself was then acting Finance Minister I think.

Mr. BOWELL. I was coming to that presently. The statement was made in the House by myself, by the direction of the late Finance Minister, that the parties, from whom the money was borrowed, objected to their names being made public, and considered it a private transaction; but the amounts which were being borrowed were given to the House. The statement made last Session was precisely the same as the one which has been made by the present Finance Minister.

Mr. BLAKE. I suppose it is intended to communicate the rate of interest in each case, and not the average rate?

Mr. McLELAN. Yes, for each loan.

Mr. BLAKE. For my part, I do not wish to give my assent to the doctrine that borrowing transactions can take place between the Government of this country and individuals, without this House being made cognisant of the persons. I think it is an utterly unsound notion. I think that the sooner the corporations, who have transactions of this kind with the Government, know that they will be held liable to have these transactions stated in Parliament, the better; and if public corporations decline to loan to the Government and the people of this country, and have their names made known, we had better not borrow of them; we had better borrow only of those who can afford to have the transactions stated, with the names of the persons with whom the country is contracting.

Motion agreed to.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—PRIVATE CARS.

Mr. WELDON moved for:

Return of the number of private or official cars built or purchased for the Intercolonial Railway since the year 1878, and the cost of each car.

Mr. POPE. There has been no private cars of that kind purchased for the Intercolonial. There has been one car held for the general inspection of the railway, but it is as much for the Canadian Pacific Railway as the Intercolonial. However, I will give the hon. gentleman the information with respect to that car.

Motion agreed to.

THE NORTH-WEST DISTURBANCE—TRIAL OF LOUIS RIEL.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron.) I am not quite sure whether the Order of the House on the motion of the hon. member for Bellechase (Mr. Amyot) covers what I require by the motion I have on the paper. The hon. gentleman moved

for a return, and obtained an Order of the House, for copies of all documents forming the record in the case of Her Majesty against Louis Riel tried at Regina, &c. What I desire to obtain is a copy of the shorthand notes of what took place on the application to postpone the trial of Louis Riel; the argument of prisoner's counsel in favor of and the arguments of the Crown counsel against such postponement, and the observations and decisions or rulings of the judge thereon; the shorthand notes of Charles Nolin's cross-examination and the arguments of counsel and decision of the judge thereon. In order to be sure that this ground is covered, I move for:

1. A copy of the shorthand notes of the application to postpone the trial of Louis Riel for one month from the 21st July, 1885; the arguments of prisoner's counsel in favor of and the arguments of the Crown counsel against such postponement, and the observations and decisions or rulings of the judge thereon.

2. The shorthand notes of that portion of Charles Nolin's cross-examination wherein Riel's counsel endeavored to establish Riel's insanity; Riel's protests against that line of defence, and his desire to dispen-
se with the services of his counsel, and the arguments of counsel and the observations and decisions or rulings of the judge thereon.

3. The judge's charge to the jury at the trial of Louis Riel.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Department of Militia and Defence for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1885.—(Sir Adolphe Caron.)

RETURNS ORDERED.

Return showing the expenses, in detail, with dates, incurred by the several members of the Government, and any other person or persons in the service of the Government sent to England or elsewhere, on behalf of the Government, from 16th February, 1885, to date; as also a return showing the travelling expenses in detail of Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner to England, during the same period.—(Mr. Somerville, Brant.)

Return showing the amounts of money paid to Chief Kah-ke-wa-quonaby (otherwise known as Chief Jones), editor of "The Indian Newspaper," during the past four years, with a statement of the services rendered for such payments, and all correspondence and Orders in Council in connection therewith.—(Mr. Somerville, Brant.)

Return of all the hardware and railway supplies purchased in Halifax by the Department of Railways and Canals for the Intercolonial or any Government works, in each year from 1st July, 1878, to 31st December, 1885, the names of each firm, amount by tender and contract and without, amount paid to each firm in each year.—(Mr. Forbes.)

Return showing:—1st. The name of each person on the superannuation list on the 1st of January, A. D. 1885. 2nd. The date at which each of such persons were superannuated. 3rd. The amount paid into the superannuation fund by each person now on the list. 4th. The total amount paid to each person now on the superannuation list up to the 1st of January, 1886.—(Mr. McMullen.)

Return showing the amount paid P. M. Barker, of Orangeville, returning officer under the Canada Temperance Act for the County of Dufferin, Ontario, for the vote taken under the provisions of said Act, on the 30th day of October, 1884, giving a detailed statement of his account and the amount paid him, giving each item separately.—(Mr. McMullen.)

Return showing copies of all reports, communications, letters or other papers from any Government agent or other person, to any member of the Government or to any Department of the Government, since the 1st of April, 1882, referring to the insufficiency of the food either as to quality or quantity, supplied by the Government to any Indians in the North-West Territories, or referring to the case of any North-West Indians who may have suffered or died from starvation.—(Mr. Mulock.)

Returns of all casualties to trains on the Intercolonial Railway arising from collision, broken rails or any other cause, for the calendar year 1885; the respective causes and dates; the names of any conductors, engine drivers, or other officials dismissed, suspended or fined for any such collision or other neglect of duty; the amount of damage (if any) to property in such cases; the amount of compensation paid to owners of property destroyed or damaged, as well as amount of claims for loss or damage to property (if any) unsettled.—(Mr. Weldon.)

Return showing the quantity of rolling stock purchased for the Intercolonial Railway during each six months of the year ending 31st December, 1885, giving each kind of rolling stock, and whether purchased under contract or otherwise, the parties from whom bought and the cost of each kind; also a statement showing what has been built in Government workshops of each kind.—(Mr. Weldon.)

Return showing the quantity of stores purchased and taken into stock for the Intercolonial Railway during the last six months for the year ending 31st December, 1885, specifying what stores and of what kind