

and fish, which found a ready market. Since then the coal trade, especially, had been greatly contracted.

Hon. Mr. Campbell said the honourable member had to a certain extent answered his own question. The Government of Canada had not the power to treat directly with the United States for the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, but they had the power through the British Minister at Washington to approach the subject, and thus to initiate negotiations. This power had been given to Canada by certain despatches from the Colonial Minister, which he now held in his hand, and it still continued valid.

In answer to a question not on the paper, the Hon. Mr. Campbell also said that separate

bags with mails for St. John and Halifax were now made up.

POSTAL REGULATION BILL

Hon. Mr. Campbell moved that the order for the second reading of this Bill be discharged. Some delay in translating and printing had occurred, which had prevented his laying it upon the table before. He hoped to do so to-morrow or next day so that it might be in the hands of honourable members a few days before it was brought up; the second reading might be fixed for an early day next week.

The House then adjourned.
