

Select Standing Committees ordered by the House on Thursday, the 29th inst., and that Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Richard Cartwright, Messrs. McLellan, Blake, and Vale do compose the said committee.

Mr. BLAKE. I should be very glad if the hon. gentleman would move that at once. Then we could meet on Monday. He might move instead of giving notice.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I cannot do that, I think.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. BOWELL. With the consent of the House, I will make the usual motion to appoint a committee to supervise the Debates of the House. It has been usual, on previous occasions, to make this motion without giving notice. I therefore move:

That a select committee be appointed to supervise the official report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time, said committee to be composed of Messrs. Béchard, Bergin, Colby, Charlton, Desjardins, Foster, Innes, Royal, Scriver, Somerville (Brant), White (Cardwell) and Woodworth.

It is the same committee as was appointed last year, with the exception of Mr. Woodworth, who is substituted for Mr. McDonald, called to the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Annual report of the Department of the Interior, for 1884.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 10:25 o'clock p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 2nd February, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Trade and Navigation Returns for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1884.—(Mr. Bowell.)

Report of the Minister of Public Works for the year ending 30th June, 1884; also, Report of the Minister of Justice on the Penitentiaries of the Dominion of Canada for the same year.—(Sir Hector Langevin.)

Public Accounts of Canada for the year ending 30th June, 1884; also, Report of the Auditor General for the same year. (Sir Leonard Tilley.)

Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the year ending 30th June, 1884.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

Report of the Inland Revenue Department for the year ending 30th June, 1884.—(Mr. Costigan.)

COST OF PRINTING, AND ADVERTISING.

Mr. McMULLEN. I desire to enquire of the Government when they will bring down the Return ordered on the 14th of February last, showing:

The amounts paid by the Government to the *Gazette* Publishing Company, of Montreal, for printing, advertising, or any work done or material furnished during the years 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, in detail.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD.

The hon. gentleman suggested that the words "and other newspapers of the Dominion" should be added, and the years 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877 be also included, so that we might have a Return for the last ten years. The hon. gentleman at that time promised he would give this Return prompt attention. Eleven months have passed since and no return has yet come down. I would like to know what the probability is of that Return being laid before the House at an early day.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I do not remember exactly the circumstances and have no doubt the Return was not ready at the end of the Session, but it will be brought down immediately.

Mr. McMULLEN. How soon?

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. There was a discussion on the subject, and I took occasion to point out to the hon. gentleman that the addition he proposed would probably entail six months labor for a dozen clerks, involving an expenditure unnecessarily of some thousands of dollars. He declared that all pains would be taken and all possible despatch used to give us the Return. It should be ready, therefore, by this.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. No doubt all those pains and this despatch were used, and the Return was not ready at the end of the Session. That was the reason it was not brought down, but it will be brought down immediately.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STOCKHOLDERS.

Mr. MITCHELL. At this stage I would like to ask the Government, and I take the earliest opportunity of doing so that there may be no excuse with regard to time, whether they are yet prepared to lay before the House, in accordance with the Order of the House last Session, a list of the stockholders of the Grand Trunk and their residences.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. On account of the absence of the Secretary of State I cannot say whether that Return has yet been received or not. Of course it would be sent to him.

Mr. MITCHELL. I would like the hon. gentleman not to let it drift over for more than a week or two.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Mr. CASEY. Seeing that the hon. Minister of Agriculture has been so prompt in giving notice of a couple of measures mentioned rather among the addenda in the Speech from the Throne, I would like to ask the Premier when the Civil Service Bill, also mentioned, will be brought down.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That measure is under the charge of the Secretary of State. I believe it will be introduced in a few days.

SUPREME COURT.

Mr. LANDRY (Montmagny) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 3) to limit the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

Mr. CASGRAIN. Explain.

Mr. LANDRY. (Translation.) The explanations which are asked from me, Mr. Speaker, are very simple, and the Bill itself will give them in full at the second reading. As the title indicates, it is intended to limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as regards matters relating to civil law in the various Provinces. The object of the law is to withdraw those cases from the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. If the Government intend to introduce a measure which would be better than mine, and which would be calculated to meet our views, I will not object to having it