

ion, and in each of the provinces. I have called his attention to the matter several times this session. I am sorry that statement has not yet been laid on the Table of this House, as it is very important to the province from which I come that it should be forthcoming. I find that many of the members of this House and I learn that some members of the Government are under a misapprehension as to the amount of the railway expenditure in the province from which I come, and I think the statement I ask for, when brought down, will put this matter right. I am anxious, before the discussion takes place in this House on the motion for papers and correspondence relating to the proposed railway construction in Prince Edward Island, that that statement should be laid on the Table, as I believe it is very necessary in order to disabuse the minds of hon. members in regard to the railway expenditure by the Dominion Government in that province.

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Mr. Davies). When the hon. gentleman mentioned the matter before, I called the special attention of the Minister of Railways to it, and the Minister gave instructions to have the return pushed on. I hope he will have it at an early day.

TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Mr. **FOSTER**. Might I ask the hon. the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Sir Richard Cartwright) whether he can answer the question which I put at the beginning of this day's sitting with regard to temporary loans, and which I now repeat :

What temporary loans are now current? What is the date on which they began to run respectively, and when do they end? With whom have they been contracted, and at what rates?

The **MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE** (Sir Richard Cartwright). My hon. colleague the Minister of Finance is not present, but I take the liberty, in his absence, of giving the hon. gentleman the information, which I find on my hon. colleague's desk :—

1. £1,000,000 sterling, being £400,000 contracted by the late Government and renewed, and £600,000 contracted by the present Government.

2. 1st January, 1897, and 1st July, 1897.

3. £600,000 with Bank of Montreal at 3½ per cent per annum, and £400,000 with National Provincial Bank of England at 3 per cent per annum.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 20th April, 1897.

The **SPEAKER** took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. **SPEAKER**. I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election and return of François Arthur Marcotte, Esquire, for the electoral district of Champlain.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 38) respecting the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company.—(Mr. Casey, for Mr. Britton.)

Bill (No. 39) respecting the Canadian General Electric Company (Limited).—(Mr. Casey, for Mr. Lount.)

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

François Arthur Marcotte, Esq., member for the electoral district of Champlain, introduced by Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Adolphe Caron.

THE ELECTION IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Mr. **DAVIN**. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to direct the attention of the House to a state of things in one of the constituencies of the North-west Territories which is, I hope, unparalleled in Canada. It is a state of things alarming and disgraceful and in which, it is to be feared, more than one prominent member of the Government is implicated; and it is, therefore, of the first importance that the attention of Parliament should be called to the state of things that exists at the present time, and has existed, in the constituency of Saskatchewan. And it is therefore of the first importance that the attention of Parliament should be called to the state of things that exists at present and has existed for some time in the constituency of Saskatchewan.

Mr. **SPEAKER**. Does the hon. member propose to make a motion?

Mr. **DAVIN**. I do. In June last we had an election, and the hon. First Minister ran in the constituency of Saskatchewan, and was elected. He was elected by a small majority, and not merely was there ground for protesting the election—my hon. friend was in no way, I believe, personally concerned in that—but we could have claimed the seat. Nevertheless, in response to urgent appeals from leading Liberals in Prince Albert, the answer came from the leaders of the Conservative party that they did