

## Quebec.

Court of King's Bench.—Mr. Justice Wurtele, died, 24th April, 1904; Mr. Justice Trenholme, appointed, 4th May, 1904.

Superior Court.—Chief Justice Casault, pensioned, 30th September, 1904; Chief Justice Routhier, appointed 30th September, 1904; Mr. Justice Routhier, promoted, 30th September, 1904; Mr. Justice Peltier, appointed, 30th September, 1904; Mr. Justice Trenholme, promoted, 4th May, 1904; Mr. Justice Dunlop, appointed, 5th May, 1904; Mr. Justice White, retired, 16th November, 1904; Mr. Justice Hutchinson, appointed, 16th November, 1904; Mr. Justice Choquette, appointed Senator, 30th September, 1904; Mr. Justice Malouin, appointed, 7th January, 1905; Mr. Justice Desmarais, died, 18th May, 1904; Mr. Justice Cooke, appointed, 16th November, 1904.

## Nova Scotia.

Chief Justice Macdonald, pensioned, 19th August, 1904; Mr. Justice Weatherbe, appointed, 13th January, 1905; Mr. Justice Henry, pensioned, 10th February, 1904; Mr. Justice Fraser, appointed, 10th February, 1904; Mr. Justice Weatherbe, promoted, 13th January, 1905; Mr. Justice Longley, appointed, June, 1905; Mr. Justice Ritchie, died, 5th June, 1905; Mr. Justice Russell, appointed, 30th October, 1904.

## Manitoba.

Mr. Justice Bain, died, 12th May, 1905; no appointment yet.

## British Columbia.

Mr. Justice Drake, pensioned, 14th August, 1904; Mr. Justice Morrison, appointed, 28th September, 1905.

## HALF-BREED SCRIP—APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE MEYERS TO INVESTIGATE.

Hon. GEO. E. FOSTER. I want to ask about that Order in Council appointing Judge Meyers to make some investigation into the scrip matter.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I think I can bring it down on Monday.

## HALF-BREED SCRIP.

Mr. FOSTER. I ask the Minister of the Interior if I may shortly expect another instalment of the final issue of the scrip papers; also if he knows whether any patents on account of this scrip are now issuing from his department, or have issued since the return was brought down which showed that three scrips had been located on land in the Northwest. I understood from my hon. friend that orders had been issued not to locate any more.

Mr. OLIVER. Orders have been issued that no more locations were to be accepted

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or patents issued until the investigation of the department had been held. I will be able to lay the instructions on the table on Monday.

Mr. FOSTER. And the balance of the papers?

Mr. OLIVER. I cannot promise the balance, but I will promise a further instalment.

## INQUIRY FOR RETURN

Mr. FOSTER. I would like to call the attention of the Minister of Railways to the fact that I have not received any supplementary return to that Gamebridge inspector's return, that the minister was going to look into it. Are there any more?

Mr. EMMERSON. I asked the deputy to have a second search made and he informed me that there were no letters; if there had been they are certainly not filed with the department.

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

House in committee on Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

On section 12, distribution of seats.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I gave a copy last evening to the Prime Minister of a further amendment which I propose to move. For the present I will not speak upon it as my hon. friend from St. Antoine (Mr. Ames) who is leaving this afternoon desires to make some observations. The amendment is as follows:

That section 12 be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

12. (1) Until the said legislature otherwise provides the legislative assembly shall be composed of twenty-five members to be elected to represent the electoral divisions hereinafter defined.

(2). The expression 'federal electoral district' where used in this section means an electoral district as established by and under the provisions of 3 Edward VII., chapter 60.

(3) (a) The federal electoral district of Alberta shall be divided into five electoral divisions, each of which shall return one member.

(b) That portion of the federal electoral district of Calgary comprised within the limits of the province of Alberta shall be divided into six electoral divisions, each of which shall return one member.

(c) That portion of the federal electoral district of Strathcona comprised within the limits of the province of Alberta shall be divided into six electoral divisions, each of which shall return one member.

(d) That portion of the federal electoral district of Edmonton comprised within the limits of the province of Alberta shall be divided into six electoral divisions, each of which shall return one member.