

Mr. PATERSON (Brant). At what date was that given?
Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The other day.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. BRYSON. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I rise to a question of privilege. As I read in the *Hansard* of the 3rd May, the hon. member for South Grey (Mr. Landerkin) made the startling statement to the House, with reference to myself, that:

"The hon. member for Pontiac is a director of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway. I see he is not in the House, but I would not fear to make the statement if he were here. I make it from the 'Parliamentary Companion'."

I desire to inform the hon. gentleman from Grey that he has been entirely mistaken. The "Parliamentary Companion" for 1885 does make that statement in reference to me, and it is wholly unwarranted. The statement must be an error, and it has never been submitted to me for my approbation. I am not, and I never have been, a director of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway, nor was I ever a stockholder in that railway. The only matter in which I was interested in regard to that railway was the construction of it through my county, in which I contributed with some little zeal to assist the Government in carrying through the measure giving a subsidy to that railway. I hope the hon. gentleman and his supporters on the Liberal side will cease making that statement, because I think no hon. gentleman has any desire to misrepresent me in that way, but, as reference was made to it last night by two or three members on the Liberal side, I hope, after my denial, that statement will be withdrawn, and that my statement will be accepted by the hon. member.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I made the statement on the authority of the "Parliamentary Companion." I had no desire to misrepresent the position of the hon. gentleman. I supposed the "Parliamentary Companion" was but an autobiography given by the hon. gentleman himself. I had no desire, nor have I now, to misrepresent the hon. gentleman or any other gentleman in the House, but I gave it from a source which I supposed was reliable and which I was justified in quoting from.

THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

Mr. BLAKE. I desire to direct the attention of the hon. the Minister of Agriculture to the statements which have been repeated in various quarters, on this side and on the other side of the water, in reference to the very unprepared condition of the Canadian exhibit at the Colonial Exhibition, and the statement that there has been a detention at Halifax of a considerable portion of the goods. We must be very much interested in Canada in that matter, after the liberal contributions which have been made, and the anxiety to be fully represented from the beginning; and it would be interesting to us to know from the hon. Minister what measure of truth there is in the statements, what steps have been taken to remedy the delays, if any delays have taken place, and what expectations the hon. gentleman has as to the condition of the Canadian exhibit, at an early day.

Mr. CARLING. I have not seen the statements the hon. gentleman referred to, but I believe that the great portion of the goods has been delivered at London as intended. There were some pictures of the different cities in Canada that, through some mismanagement, were detained on one of the railway cars, but the moment the attention of the Department was drawn to that, they were immediately sent forward, and they are on their way now to the Old Country. There are some goods still at Halifax, but not to any very large extent, and everything has been done that could possibly be done to push them forward as fast as possible.

THE WRIT FOR HALDIMAND.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I wish to again ask the attention of the Government and the House to the enquiry I made yesterday in reference to the issue of the writ for the electoral division of Haldimand. Yesterday, the First Minister informed me that a decision had not been arrived at. I should be glad if he could now tell me that the Government have arrived at a decision and have directed the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to issue the writ.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Government have not yet selected a returning officer, and have not yet given instructions for the issue of the writ. If the hon. gentleman will repeat the question on Friday, I will be able to give him more specific information.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. IVES. I desire to make a personal explanation in regard to a matter which was referred to in the House the other night by the hon. member for Grey, and which appears in the *Toronto Globe* of the 4th May. I should not refer to this matter were it the first time that I have seen a similar statement made, and were I not satisfied that—I will not say a conspiracy—but a persistent effort is being made by gentlemen on the other side of the House and their press, to put me in a false position, a position in which I have no right to be placed. Now, the *Globe* says:

"It was eminently fitting that the principal defender of Mr. Beatty's railway jobbing, should be Mr. Ives, son-in-law of the Minister of Railways and successor to the latter on the directorate of the International Railway Company."

And in another place:

"Mr. Pope allows his son-in-law to take his place on the board of directors. 'A fellow feeling' makes Mr. Ives wondrous kind towards Mr. Beatty."

Now, I may say, once and for all, that I am not a director of the International Railway Company, chartered by this House, and never was. I never had any connection with that undertaking, except as solicitor to the road. In that capacity, on one occasion last autumn, when certain arrangements and contracts were being made between the International Railway Company and the International Company of Maine, of which I am a director. I was appointed a director of the company, in order that I might sign contracts and represent, as it were, the International Railway in Maine, and I resigned immediately on my return. I never had any connection whatever with the company, never owned any of its stock, and have not now, and never expect to have, the slightest pecuniary interest in it, one way or the other. This story has been copied in the local Grit press in the townships, and a great deal is made of it. The hon. member for Grey (Mr. Landerkin), the other night, alluded to the same matter, and I was surprised to find that he, when quoting from the "Parliamentary Companion," failed to quote the exact facts. He told the House that I was a director of the International Railway. He was talking about railways subsidised by the Parliament of Canada, and chartered by this Parliament, particularly. Now, he certainly could not have failed to observe from the "Parliamentary Companion" he was reading, that there was no statement in it that I was a director of the International Railway, but a statement that I was a director of the International of Maine, an organisation chartered by the State of Maine, and, it may be said, indirectly assisted by this Government; but, at the same time, it cannot be held that the hon. gentleman was in good faith in making that statement. With regard to the International Railway, I have no interest in it whatever, I am only solicitor for the company, and have acted for it in various matters in which the two com-