

Mr. BLAKE. I must corroborate the hon. Minister's statement. My hon. friend's informant was in error. It is quite true that the hon. Minister of Public Works rigidly observed the arrangement that was made; but that was of less advantage than it would have been, because very few members were here to avail themselves of it, which was not, of course, the Minister's fault. I would suggest that private Bills should be the first order after questions on Mondays. You might have such a dispute about a private Bill as you had yesterday, and it might require the whole day to get through with it; so that if you only gave an hour for private Bills after recess, all a man would have to do to defeat a Bill would be to talk for the hour.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I have no objection to providing in the motion that private Bills shall be first.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

#### SUPREME COURT—NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Mr. THOMPSON moved that, to-morrow, the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

1st. That it is expedient further to amend the law respecting the North-West Territories, to provide for the repeal of the enactments now in force respecting Stipendiary Magistrates therein, and for the establishment of a Supreme Court of civil and criminal jurisdiction in and for the said Territories, to consist of five judges.

2nd. That it is expedient to provide for the payment to each of the said judges, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, of a yearly salary of four thousand dollars, with travelling allowances, to be fixed by the Governor in Council, and a retiring annuity equal to two-thirds of such salary, on conditions similar to those applicable to like cases in the Provinces of the Dominion.

3rd. That it is expedient to empower the Governor in Council to divide the said Territories into five judicial districts, and to appoint for each a sheriff and a clerk of the said court. Each sheriff to be paid out of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund a yearly salary of five hundred dollars and to receive such fees as the Lieutenant-Governor prescribes. Each such clerk to be paid by fees to be fixed in like manner.

4th. That the mover have leave to bring in a Bill founded on the foregoing resolutions, and to come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation under an Order of the Governor in Council.

Motion agreed to.

#### REAL PROPERTY—NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Mr. THOMPSON moved that, to-morrow, the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—

That it is expedient to provide in Committee of the Whole, under Bill No. 10 of this Session intitled: "An Act respecting Real Property in the North-West Territories":

1. That the salaries of Registrars, Deputy Registrars and other necessary officers, and such incidental expenses of carrying the said Act into effect as are sanctioned by the Governor in Council, shall be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purpose.

2. That a proper building may, under orders of the Governor in Council, be provided and maintained at the public expense in each registration district for the deposit and safe-keeping of documents connected with the registration of titles under the Act.

3. That the Governor in Council may, from time to time, provide the necessary books and forms, provide any additional forms he deems necessary, and make such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the said Act, and make such rules and regulations as to him appear necessary for giving effect to the Act, in cases unprovided for, according to its true intent and purpose.

4. That all fees payable under the said Act or in connection therewith shall be settled by tariff made by the Governor in Council.

5. That the Registrar may demand and receive the fees so settled, and perform the duties for which they are made payable, on payment thereof, and shall keep a correct account of all moneys received by him under the said Act and pay over the same to the Minister of Finance and Receiver-General, as shall be directed by the Governor in Council.

Motion agreed to.

#### HALDIMAND—ISSUE OF WRIT.

Mr. LANDERKIN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to direct the attention of the Govern-

ment to a motion I made a week ago with reference to the issue of a writ for the electoral district of Haldimand. To-day I called upon the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and ascertained that the warrant had been received by him, but that the writ had not been issued, owing to the fact that the Government had not nominated a returning officer. I would ask if the Government have decided on a returning officer, and when the writ will be issued?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Government has not yet appointed a returning officer.

#### PROTECTION OF NAVIGABLE WATERS.

Mr. FOSTER moved the third reading of Bill (No. 96) respecting the protection of navigable waters.

Mr. DAVIES. In view of the provisions which the Bill contains relating to fisheries, I think we should amend the title. The title is "protection of navigable waters" alone, and there are provisions in the Bill referring to the protection of fisheries in waters not navigable. In view of the fact that there are serious doubts raised as to the constitutionality of the Bill, the title should be made sufficient to cover all the purposes of the Bill.

Mr. FOSTER. The title is that of the law at present existing, and although the Bill goes a little further, its purpose is really to protect navigable waters into which the other flow. The provisions with reference to fishery clauses is not an essential part of the Bill, as far as the enactments go, but simply provides that the officers shall have power to enforce the Act.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed.

#### CHIGNECTO MARINE TRANSPORT RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. POPE moved the third reading of Bill (No. 105) to amend the Act to provide for the granting of a subsidy to the Chignecto Marine Transport Railway Company, Limited.

Motion agreed to on a division, and Bill read the third time and passed.

#### THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 108) to amend the Adulteration Act.—(Mr. Costigan.)

Bill (No. 109) in further amendment of the Weights and Measures Act.—(Mr. Costigan.)

Bill (No. 110) an Act respecting Commissions to Public Officers of Canada.—(Mr. Thompson.)

#### LAND SUBSIDIES TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell) moved the third reading of Bill (No. 117) to amend an Act to authorise the granting of subsidies in land to certain railway companies.

Mr. BLAKE. I was not able to be present when the Bill was discussed in its earlier stages, but I observe some provisions in it which, it seems to me, require some consideration. The proposal is that the principle of township grants instead of alternate sections shall be or may be adopted in the grant of subsidies to railways, but the arrangement is conditional upon an arrangement for the Hudson's Bay Company's reservation being first of all settled. Now, of course, we could not propose to take the township and, with the Hudson's Bay Company's reservation unsettled, hand it over, but it does not seem to me that the proposal, if it is one advantageous to the public in-