

Mr. McGregor this afternoon, I think it is the best evidence possible of the wisdom of the Government in refusing to befool a commission of judges by sending them up there to discover an unheard of mare's nest.

Committee rose and reported progress.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 31st July, 1899.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER took the Chair at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

### BILL WITHDRAWN.

Bill (No. 65) to incorporate the Restigouche Boom Company.—(Mr. McAlister.)

### FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 183) to authorize the Government of Canada to construct a branch line of railway from Charlottetown to Murray Harbour, in the province of Prince Edward Island, as a public work.—(Mr. Blair.)

### PORT GEORGE, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY, POST OFFICE.

Mr. MILLS asked :

Who is the postmaster at Port George, Annapolis County? Has there been any irregularities in connection with said office that required the services of the inspector? If so, what were they, and what is the situation now?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). Inquiry is being made in the district in regard to the matter set forth in the question. I have not got the information.

### MEDICAL ATTENDANCE TO INDIANS IN YALE AND CARIBOO.

Mr. PRIOR asked :

1. What amounts have been paid by the Government during the years 1896-7, 1897-8 and 1898-9 in the Electoral District of Yale and Cariboo for medical attendance and medicines?

2. To whom were these payments made, and how much to each medical man?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). The answer occupies three or four pages. I will hand it in to "Hansard."

Mr. FOSTER. That cannot be done, I am sorry to say, unless it is read.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. It will simply save the hon. gentleman the necessity of making a motion for the return.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I move that the paper presented be laid on the Table.

Motion agreed to.

### IMPORTS OF INDIAN CORN.

Mr. CLANCY asked :

How much Indian corn has been imported into Canada for home consumption for the eleven months ending 31st May for the fiscal year 1899?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Mr. Paterson). The monthly reports received by the department do not furnish quantities. I am, therefore, unable to furnish the required information for the period mentioned, but, the imports entered for consumption of Indian corn for the nine months ended 31st March amounted to 17,729,074 bushels, valued at \$6,815,818. The exports of Indian corn from Canada for the same period amounted to 13,560,358 bushels, valued at \$5,405,323.

### IMPORTS OF BINDER TWINE.

Mr. CLANCY asked :

How much twine for harvest binders (or binder twine) was imported into Canada for home consumption for the eleven months ending 31st May for the fiscal year 1899, and the value thereof?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Mr. Paterson). The monthly classification of imports does not enumerate this article. I am, therefore, unable to answer this question for the time mentioned; but the total quantity of binder twine imported into Canada for consumption during the nine months ending 31st March, 1899, amounted to 4,513,210 pounds, valued at \$296,155.

Mr. WALLACE. Might I ask the Minister whether it would not be a good plan to put that item in the classification?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS. Perhaps it would be.

### EXPORTS OF GRAIN.

Mr. HENDERSON (by Mr. McCleary) asked :

1. How many bushels of oats, pease, rye and wheat, respectively, were exported from Canada to Germany in the year ending 30th June, 1898?
2. How many in the year ending 30th June, 1899, or up to the latest date for which full returns have been received?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Mr. Paterson). Oats, 712,842 bushels; pease, 43,821 bushels; rye, 556,273 bushels; wheat, 239,685 bushels. 2. The latest date to which full returns have been received is 31st March,