

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member requires no permission to place another question on the Order Paper so long as that question is in conformity with the rules of the House.

#### QUESTION ANSWERED BY THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. F. S. CAHILL (Pontiac): I wish to draw the attention of the Minister of Railways to Question 68 appearing on yesterday's Order Paper which he apparently thought he was answering by his stereotyped statement, "it is not in the public interest." If the minister will study the question closely I think he will be convinced that this vague answer will not suffice.

Mr. REID: I will look up the question, and if I consider that it requires any answer different from that which I have already given I shall be pleased to give any necessary information to the hon. gentleman.

#### GRAND TRUNK ARBITRATION.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. CAHILL: May I ask the Minister of Railways whether the members of the board of arbitration on the purchase of the Grand Trunk have been appointed?

Mr. REID: Not yet.

#### THE BUDGET.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY (Russell): In view of the Acting Prime Minister's anxiety to push forward the business of the Government, may I ask the Minister of Finance when we may expect the Budget?

Sir HENRY DRAYTON (Minister of Finance): I cannot yet answer that question.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES OF CANADA.

On the Orders of the Day.

Mr. J. A. CAMPBELL (Nelson): Mr. Speaker, I have just read in Hansard a statement by the Acting Prime Minister in answer to my question regarding the transfer of natural resources. It is of course out of order for me to comment thereon now, but I would ask the right hon. minister if there is any reason why he should not give answers to numbers 5 and 6 of the series of questions in this connection.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the hon. member has any complaint to make respecting the nature of an answer given to a question he ought to do so at another stage of the proceedings, either on a motion to go into supply, or when the House is in committee on the estimates of the department concerned. It is not competent for him on the Orders of the Day to analyse any answers given by members of the Government.

Mr. CAMPBELL: The question was not answered, Mr. Speaker, that is why I bring the matter up.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIANS.

##### SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES CONCERNING INDIAN LANDS.

On the motion being called for the Third Reading of Bill No. 13, to provide for the settlement of differences between the governments of the Dominion of Canada and the province of British Columbia respecting Indian lands and certain other Indian affairs in the said province:

Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I rather think I promised the leader of the Opposition that this third reading would take place when the hon. member for Three Rivers (Mr. Bureau) was present. Unless the leader of the Opposition is willing that the Bill be now read the third time I move that the motion stand.

Motion stands.

##### CANADA SHIPPING ACT (Certificates of Service).

On motion of Hon. Mr. Ballantyne (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) Bill No. 21, to amend the Canada Shipping Act (Certificates of Service), was read the third time and passed.

##### AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CORPORATION OF OTTAWA.

Hon. J. D. REID (Minister of Public Works) moved the third reading of Bill No. 22, to confirm an agreement between His Majesty the King and the corporation of the city of Ottawa.

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: Before this Bill is read the third time I desire to refer to a matter of which I spoke when we were in committee on the Bill. The minister brought forward an agreement to be approved by Parliament, and at the time informed the House that the contract