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PARLIAMENT.

The United States and the Bonding Privileges at Wrangle

Government in a Bad Position on Yukon Railway Bill.

Blair Unable to Answer a Question During Sir Hubert Tupper's Speech.

OTTAWA, March 8.—Hon. Mr. Blair announced today that the government would ask parliament to grant money to survey a route from Telegraph Creek terminus of the Sitkine railway to a British Columbia port.

Hon. Mr. Blair explained that Warburton had been agent of the department of justice at Charlottetown. Mr. Kaulbach called attention to a press despatch from Washington stating that the Canadian government had given the United States vessels the privilege of carrying freight from the port to port in Canada.

Hon. Mr. Blair wanted to know whether after another night's sleep the premier might not have had another change of mind and would not bring down his cable to Lord Strathcona.

The speaker, as the law requires, stated that his writ would at once be issued for a new election.

After Moore's Standstead and Craig of Durham spoke against the contract for the proposed route, a strong and earnest protest against the deal was made by Mr. Oliver, the liberal representative of Alberta.

Dr. Roche of Manitoba was speaking against the bill at six o'clock. Mr. Morin continued the discussion, and Mr. Bell adjourned the debate.

Half an hour was spent in discussing the question whether the house should sit an hour longer. Premier Laurier is anxious to close the debate, but there are still a number of opposition members to speak and a vote will probably not be taken before next Wednesday or Thursday.

Hon. Mr. Sifton's statement that no lease for dredging in the Yukon had been given to John Connor, is only

technically true. The formal delivery of the leases has not yet taken place and will not until next week; moreover, neither the Connor party nor the Greenshield commission represented by David Russell will appear in their own names for the full number of their leases.

The New Brunswick Klondyke party passed through here today. They had a short stop at Ottawa. Among the members who saw them off at the station were Hon. Mr. Foster, W. Powell and Mr. McGeaney.

A large deputation from Ontario cities appeared before the privy council today, protesting against the grant to the Bell Telephone Company of the right to make tolls higher.

OTTAWA, March 4.—When the house met Sir Charles Tupper brought up again the subject of the wagon road which the government has promised in the guide books and has not in the contract.

Mr. Bell, Pictou, took up the Yukon discussion. He reached the conclusion that the route from Dyea was a much safer, cheaper, quicker and better route than the one adopted.

At eleven o'clock Mr. Borden of Halifax proposed to adjourn the debate, but the premier refused. Mr. Wilfrid said that the measure was urgent and too much time had been lost already.

That this hour, while recognizing the necessity for providing adequate facilities for transportation into the Canadian Yukon, and regarding as indispensable the terms and conditions of the proposed contract, he would cordially support a grant of substantial assistance in aid of the immediate construction of a railway by the best available route under such conditions and safeguards as will prevent the creation of any railway or mining monopoly.

This amendment will be moved early next week by Mr. Foster. Mr. Morrison of British Columbia moved the adjournment of the debate

and the house rose shortly before one o'clock.

Some sort of a military expedition, apparently of the permanent force, is about to be despatched to the Yukon. Lieut. Hayes, St. John, who was lately appointed to the permanent force, has been offered a position as one of the officers of this expedition.

The result of the Ottawa election was declared today by the sheriff. The returns are, however, reduced to two. Mr. Martin put the following questions to the government:

1. How many tenders were received by the government for the construction of the Yukon breaker at Tignish, in the spring of 1897, and in the year 1897? What are the names of the parties tendering, and the amount of each respectively?

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questions. It was not surprising that the United States senators should follow the lead and propose to mix the eastern and western questions together. The premier says he has no doubt of our treaty rights on the Sitkine, but nevertheless he proposes to build another two hundred and fifty miles of railway to get clear of the United States interference, which shows that he was not sure of his ground.

Sir Louis Davies delivered one of his characteristic speeches. He accused Sir Charles Tupper of disloyalty, declared that he and Hon. Mr. Foster were asking the government to surrender everything to the United States, and shouted that the opposition party were all engaged in giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

Mr. Burns has asked the department to accept the assignment which he has made of his contract to Mackenzie and Mann. The latter charged that Mr. Sifton had decided last summer before he went west last fall to give this contract to Mackenzie and Mann.

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IN TOO MUCH HURRY

Not Anxious to Allow Public Accounts Investigation.

How Mr. Sumner Brought Chairman Off His High Horse.

Messrs. McAvity's Hardware Bill to be Gone Into on Wednesday Next.

FREDERICTON, March 7.—The proceedings before the accounts committee Saturday were rather of an unpleasing character. When the committee met only four members were present, the absentees being Messrs. Tweedie, Pinder and Robinson. Mr. Fowler stated the purpose to rush everything through and finish up the work of the committee upon the auditor general's report.

Mr. Sumner said that Mr. Pinder was absent, and as he had challenged several items, Mr. Sumner did not think it right to rush these items through in Mr. Pinder's absence. Mr. Fowler replied that he was not responsible for Mr. Pinder's absence, and it was proposed to have the committee finish its work at the present sitting.

Mr. Sumner said that the opposition had only two members on the committee, and that it was not right to have important items that had been challenged by the opposition, who seemed to be the only members who cared to all investigate the auditor general's report, should be rushed through when one of the opposition members was absent.

Mr. Sumner wanted Mr. McAvity's bill submitted to an independent hardware man, to get his prices for the same goods as the hardware merchant would be paid to the government and the balance would be collected.

Mr. Sumner got leave to have an unprepared hardware man present at the same time, and it is said a leading Fredericton hardware merchant will appear.

The following is a copy of the letter referred to in the above despatch: Dear Sir—Enclosed we beg to hand you a copy of the report of the committee on the accounts of the year 1897, which we think it is just to ourselves that we should have a chance to explain this matter. We cannot find anything in our accounts since 1896 to correspond with the above clippings.

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LOOKS WABLIKE.

Spain Asks for Recall of Lee and Warships.

The United States Reply Not Consenting to Either Request.

MADRID, March 6.—Senor Cullon, Spanish minister of foreign affairs, recently intimated to the United States Minister Woodford that the Spanish government desired to recall General Lee, Havana Consul General Lee, and that the American warships which have been designated to convey supplies to Cuba, should be replaced by merchant vessels, in order to deprive the assistance sent to the reconcentrados of any official character.

Minister Woodford called the requests to the Washington government, which replied, refusing to recall General Lee in the present circumstances, or to countermand the orders of the despatch of the war vessels, making the representation that the relief vessels are not fighting ships.

MADRID, March 6.—For several days the newspapers have been violently attacking Consul General Lee, Hugh Lee, The Imperial, after remarking that "an American newspaper has insinuated that General Lee is a member of a syndicate desiring the overthrow of Spain." His ill will toward Lee is so marked that even American newspapers inimical to Spain are remarking it.

The Imperial calls upon the government to demand the replacing of Consul General Lee, who instead of being the symbol of friendship between Spain and the United States, daily renders the situation more threatening.

It adds that the next session of the cortes will "consider Consul General Lee's conduct." The Havana correspondent of the Imperial says: "Among the packages of food sent by America to Cuba the customs officers found watches, jewelry and other contraband articles. All such articles were confiscated to the Consul General Lee, who is said to have energetically protested against such contraband, declaring that it was without his knowledge."

Other papers accuse General Lee of being "better disposed toward the Cuban insurgents, than toward the colonial government." The Spanish press, however, in no wise reproaches United States minister Woodford, whose conduct is irreproachable, and who seizes every opportunity to express pacific sentiments.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—As to the Associated Press despatch, March 5, received this morning, the state department authorized the following statement: The president will not consider the recall of General Lee. He has borne himself throughout the crisis with judgment, fidelity and courage, to the president's entire satisfaction.

As to the supplies for the relief of the Cuban people, all arrangements have been made to carry a consignment this week from Key West by one of the naval vessels, which may be best adapted and most suitable for the purpose, to Matanzas and Sagua. Although the officials here are non-committal on the subject, it is believed that the request for General Lee's recall was made at least a day or two ago, and that the Spanish government, after receiving the reply of the state department, has not insisted either upon Lee's recall or upon its contention that the relief supplies should not be sent to Cuba in naval vessels.

HAVANA, March 7.—The court of inquiry held its usual sessions today, examining Emisn Powellson and the divers' plans. The Spanish divers' work when they desire to do so. The day was beautiful and the workers advanced steadily in clearing away the debris. Many articles of personal value to the officers of the Maine are recovered from time to time as the work progresses.

On account of the attempted smuggling from New York, the customs officers make a careful examination of all consignments of relief supplies. Except on the order of the military authorities the distribution of quinine has been prohibited for a time. It was found that much quinine made its way into the hands of the insurgents. No official information is accessible concerning the reported deportation of several American correspondents on the Ward line steamer Concho this morning.

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