

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: I would like to move the adjournment of the debate until Friday.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I am asked to give a ruling on the motion of the honourable gentleman from Sydney (Hon. Mr. McLennan). I believe the honourable gentleman is a little late with his motion. Further than that, the inquiry has been answered. I do not think it is proper to discuss the question.

#### DIVORCE BILLS.

##### FIRST READINGS.

Bill T2, an Act for the relief of Mary King.—Hon. Mr. Edwards.

Bill U2, an Act for the relief of William Hermann Depper.—Hon. Mr. Fisher.

Bill V2, an Act for the relief of William Rogers Latimer.—Hon. Mr. Edwards.

Bill W2, an Act for the relief of Mary Ann Scheib.—Hon. Mr. Edwards.

Bill X2, an Act for the relief of William Pinkerton.—Hon. Mr. Blain.

#### STATION ACCOMMODATION AT LEVIS.

##### On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: With the permission of the House, I should like to call the attention of the Government, particularly the Minister of Railways, to a matter of considerable urgency. I have just received a telegram from Sir Hormisdas Laporte with regard to the station at Lévis. I understand that a decision in regard to this matter is to be given to-morrow in Toronto, and would ask the Minister of Railways to delay the decision for a day or two.

Some years ago the Intercolonial railway station, which is the principal station for the whole of the Quebec district, was burned down. A sum of \$400,000 was set aside for the purpose of reconstructing the station, and plans for a new station were prepared. When war was declared we in Quebec were asked to be patient, and to use our money for the purpose of the war, and, as Quebec has always consented to doing what is right, we acceded to the request, with the result that since then we have had a very small station, a very filthy place indeed, on the Lévis side.

The Government engineer went over there last Friday. The Chief Engineer, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Brady were there, and decided offhand to build a temporary structure on the south side of the tracks.

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This work will cost about \$100,000, and the whole population of Quebec and the district will be obliged to cross four or five tracks to reach the station. As soon as this became known, the Quebec Board of Trade had a meeting, and protested. I have in my hands a copy of the resolution sent to Sir Hormisdas Laporte. The Quebec Telegraph and the Quebec Chronicle both supported this protest, and work was stopped. We should like to have such a station as would be an ornament to Lévis and the Quebec district. We do not want a temporary station, because if it were built I am afraid it would last a long time. The honourable gentleman from the Gulf division (Hon. Mr. L'Espérance) is in favour of having a permanent station constructed at once. The people are willing to accept what they cannot help. They protest against the building of a temporary station; but if it is going to be built, then it ought to be put on the north side of the track. My honourable friend from Montreal (Hon. Mr. Casgrain), who knows the situation, is aware that, if it is built on the south side, the people will have to cross four or five tracks of the Quebec Central and the Grand Trunk railway to reach it. In these days, when we are crying "safety first," it would be the greatest blunder, would be most dangerous, and would be costly to the Government.

There is more than that. I have a report from Mr. Broussard, residential engineer at Lévis, who says:

Regarding proposed new station at Lévis, the estimated cost to overhaul old station, and freight shed, \$60,000. The estimated cost to change tracks and make new platforms, \$40,000.

It will cost \$100,000 to enlarge the old station and the old freight shed, and make a temporary station where it will be in a most dangerous place.

On Friday last, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Brady came back to Lévis, and ordered the men to proceed with the work. I was asked by some of the members of the Board of Trade of Lévis and Quebec to protest against that. I wired Sir Hormisdas Laporte, and he answered me to send particulars to Toronto. Mr. Brady and Mr. McLeod are going to make a report there to-morrow.

I ask the Minister of Railways to stop the work in order that the whole question may be discussed with the people of Quebec and Lévis, so that the station may be put at a place where the lives of the people will not be endangered every time they go there. I ask the pardon of the