

the table of the House a memorandum prepared by General Lake with reference to certain matters pertaining to the militia. I supposed then that the memorandum would become one of the parliamentary papers, but I understand now that it is necessary to make a motion for the paper. Therefore, with the consent of the House, I would move :

That an order of the House do issue to the proper officer for a copy of a memorandum by Major General P. H. N. Lake, C.B., C.M.G., Inspector General, upon that portion of the report of the Civil Service Commissioners, 1908, which deals with the military administration of the militia, and that rule 72 be suspended and the said memorandum be printed.

Motion agreed to.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). I desire to lay on the table the return to an order dated 13th January, 1908, moved by the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) :

For a return showing the population of each town, village or other place in Canada in which any public building has been erected at the expense of Canada since January 1, 1897, or for a public building in which any public money has been voted, expended or appropriated since that date, together with a statement of the amount voted, expended or appropriated in each case, the total cost of each such building, the estimated total cost of any such building not yet completed, the purpose of each such building in each instance, the cost of the annual maintenance and upkeep thereof ; and so that the said statement shall show the information aforesaid by division of the said towns, villages or other places in the following classes: Those having a population not exceeding 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, 5,000, 6,000, 7,000, 8,000, 9,000, 10,000 ; also giving the names of all other towns and villages in Canada of each of the said classes in which no such public buildings have been erected up to the present time.

I may say that the hon. member for West Algoma (Mr. Boyce), and possibly other members made motions somewhat similar to the one in return to which this information is brought down. I think that this return will embrace all the information called for by these different motions.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN (Carleton). Before the orders of the day are called, I would ask the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) when the railway subsidies will be brought down. I would inquire also whether he is aware that seven months and sixteen days of the session have elapsed and that we are presumably within five or six days of prorogation, and to ask respectfully whether, under these circumstances, these should have

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been brought down long ago?—seven months and sixteen days.

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I am aware that we have been in session for seven months and sixteen days. I am glad to hear that we are within five or six days of prorogation. I am not aware that these railway subsidies could have been brought down one hour earlier.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. But the main point is, when are we to have them ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I understand that they are in to-day, are they not ?

Hon. G. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals). I expect they will be down to-morrow. I expected they would be down to-day, but they are not printed.

THE WOOLLEN INDUSTRY.

Mr. BLAIN. I desire to inquire if it is the intention of the government to introduce this session any legislation for the relief of the woollen industry ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have just been told by my hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) that we may hope to close the session within five days ; and I do not think in those five days we can do more work than we have on the Order Paper.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would like to inquire from the proper minister—I suppose the Minister of Marine and Fisheries—when we may expect a return to the motion of the 10th of February last with respect to the lobster fishery in the county of Pictou ?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries). I will make inquiries about it. I thought everything asked for has been brought down.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Possibly it has been brought down. Perhaps the minister will be good enough to inquire and let me know to-morrow.

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

DOMINION GUARANTEE COMPANY.

Mr. R. A. PRINGLE (Stormont) moved :

That this House do not insist on their amendments to the Bill (No. 127) respecting the Dominion Guarantee Company, Limited, and that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours therewith.

He said : I may explain that I find it will become necessary, in order to get over a little difficulty in connection with this Bill, to introduce a short amending Bill, and I shall ask leave of the House to that end. Perhaps this would be the time for me to state the reasons. When the Bill