

in the Department of the Secretary of State—

Mr. FOSTER. No, an increase.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. I do not think there is an increase in the Secretary of State's Department.

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, \$100.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Where?

Mr. QUINN. That is what we want to find out.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. At page 14 of the Department of the Secretary of State is \$34,412, and it was \$34,950.

Mr. FOSTER. No, it was \$36,400, and it is \$36,500. You have the wrong Estimates.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. So I have the wrong Estimates. My hon. friend handed me the Estimates for 1898 instead of those for 1899.

Mr. FOSTER. I would suggest that in this first plunge into the Estimates we have had important questions to discuss—

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. I am not at all objecting. It is perfectly fair, and I will not press the thing if the hon. gentleman cares about it. We would come to the Department of the Interior, and I suppose, of course, he would wish to have some discussion. But the two before that, the Secretary of State and Printing and Stationery do not involve any increase.

Mr. FOSTER. We must keep some easy work for to-morrow.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Then we will do some work to-morrow, I suppose.

Mr. FOSTER. Yes.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. FOSTER. What business will be taken up to-morrow?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. We shall probably proceed with Supply or go on with the Franchise Bill. We may have the plebiscite first reading. The main time will be on Supply or the Franchise Bill.

Mr. FOSTER. Are we not to expect the plebiscite?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. It will be introduced to-morrow, but we could not pretend to discuss it—it will be only the first reading.

Mr. FOSTER. It has the look of a very important child.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. It is one in which, I know, the Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.

hon. gentleman will take an interest. I understand that it will be ready to be introduced and distributed to-morrow, and, if so, it will probably be introduced. Afterwards it will be the Franchise Bill or Supply. I move that this House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 12 o'clock (midnight).

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 21st April, 1898.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BAGOT  
—ISSUE OF WRIT.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that my attention having been called by the hon. member for Beauharnois, in his place, to the fact of the demise of Flavien Dupont, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Bagot, I have, in accordance with section 8 of chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, issued my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

REPORTING AND PUBLISHING THE  
DEBATES.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that, in obedience to the order of the House of the 14th February last, the Clerk has laid on the Table a return showing the cost of "Hansard" for each year from and including 1890 and 1897—the return covering the cost of reporting, transcribing, translating, printing, binding, circulating through the post office or express offices and all other expenses connected with the present system of reporting and publishing the debates of the House.

SASKATCHEWAN RAILWAY AND  
MINING COMPANY.

Mr. LANDERKIN moved:

That the petition of the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company, praying for leave to present an Act to amend their Act of incorporation, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for receiving private Bills, be received forthwith, and be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.

Motion agreed to.