

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. member must confine his remarks to himself personally.

Mr. TALBOT. I take it to myself personally, and I repeat that, so long as this sort of obstruction goes on, I shall stand by the Minister—

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. member (Mr. Talbot) is out of order.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Order.

Mr. TALBOT. In so doing I will be fulfilling my duty.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I think this is not a question of privilege.

Mr. TALBOT. This article is only important as showing the unworthy attitude of hon. gentlemen opposite.

#### BOOK-KEEPING IN DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES—RETURN.

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) laid upon the table copies of order in council and papers in connection with the revised system of book-keeping in the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

He said: I may add that there is a very voluminous final report of the 6th of September, 1907, which we have had no time to copy, therefore I lay the original on the table.

#### INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS.

Mr. FOSTER. May I ask the minister if he will also lay on the table the second order of the House with reference to his travelling expenses? I want also to call the attention of the Minister of Agriculture to the fact that in the correspondence on the cold storage an important letter has escaped his notice, a letter from Mr. Harry McKeown, of the city of St. John, to the Minister of Agriculture with reference to the application of Williams and the opposition it met with from certain parties. That letter was written to the Minister of Agriculture, but it is not included in the return.

Mr. FISHER. I have no memory of the letter. I had my officers look two or three times over the papers in consequence of the hon. gentleman's remarks about other letters. They looked over my department and my own office, and they assure me that there is absolutely nothing there but what has been brought down. But now that the hon. gentleman mentions this letter I will have a special search made.

Mr. CLEMENTS. I desire to say to the Minister of the Interior that I would like  
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him to hurry up the return that I am awaiting for regarding immigration.

Mr. OLIVER. I expected to lay the return on the table to-day. I am sure it will be here to-morrow.

#### GRAIN COMMISSION REPORT.

Mr. LAKE. I would ask the government whether the evidence which was taken before the Royal Grain Commission has been printed, and if not, whether it will be?

Mr. FISHER. I cannot answer my hon. friend, but I will make inquiries. That evidence was taken under the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

#### HAMILTON RADIAL ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

House in committee on Bill (No. 25) respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.—Mr. Clarke.

Mr. SPROULE. I have a telegram in my hand from the member for South Toronto (Mr. Macdonell) who desired to be present when this Bill was being further considered. He expected to be present this morning, but owing to the train being snow-bound he could not get here. He wants the Bill held over.

Mr. CLARKE. Does he not say for the third reading?

Mr. SPROULE. He says: 'Hold the Bill over, certainly for the third reading.'

Mr. CLARKE. I received a similar telegram from him. He spoke to me about it on Saturday night before leaving, as it had been suggested to him then that it should be held over until another day, but for another reason. He said 'after the way we had been knocked about with this Bill he did not have the conscience to ask that it be held over beyond to-day.' It is understood that it shall go on. He told me of certain amendments, of which notice had been given in the Votes and Proceedings, that he wished to move. I would suggest that we go on with the work in committee and that the third reading be not taken until he can move his amendments. The Railway Committee has discussed very fully the whole Bill, and it does not seem to me there is any reason why we should postpone the committee stage.

Mr. SPROULE. There is the additional reason, that the hon. member for South Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) is unavoidably absent and he would like very much to be here, though he did not feel like asking that the Bill be postponed on account of his absence.

Mr. FOSTER. There has been a great deal of discussion, both in the committee