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Mr. SPEAKER. Order.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I was about to say, Sir, that the Minister of Militia just now laid down a position which I do not think is a correct one. He thinks a member has no right to complain if a return is a partial one, but I say that partial returns are constantly being brought down by Ministers.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I am in order, I say. If I am not in order I shall resume my seat, but as I am in order I shall proceed. The hon. gentleman complains because we say that some of his returns are partial, but I say we certainly have a right to make that complaint when the returns are partial, as they frequently are.

### RETURNS.

Mr. BLAKE. From what the Minister of Militia has said, we would imagine that we were upon the tented field, instead of a House of Parliament. I propose, however, to make some further enquiries, which, I hope, will not be received in the same aggressive spirit. I would like to ask about a return with reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway, which we were told would be brought down on a Friday about a fortnight ago. Then I wish particularly to ask of the acting Minister of Agriculture for a return, moved for by myself early in the Session, upon the subject of emigration. I moved for the papers showing the data upon which the emigration for the year was based, and particularly for the railway returns of the passages into and the journeys out from the Province of Manitoba. The hon. gentleman knows that gentlemen on this side have challenged the satisfactoriness of those figures, and it is extremely important before we continue the debate with reference to the immigration vote that we should have the return which was moved for at the earliest moment it could be moved this Session, and has frequently been asked for since.

Mr. McLELAN. I called the attention of Mr. Lowe to the matter, and urged him to have it brought down as early as possible.

Mr. MITCHELL. I too have something to say about partial returns. I moved the other day for the correspondence between the late Premier, Mr. Mackenzie, and Sir John Rose, in regard to the course pursued by the Government on a certain occasion. The returns brought down are only partial returns.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. MITCHELL. I hope the Ministry will take no offence at what I say. As they do not seem to know where to find the missing links, I can tell them. I think the late Premier could furnish them with additional correspondence which is of an important character, and which I wish to be part of the records of this House. I would like to ask the Ministry if they can obtain from the late Premier this additional correspondence which is necessary to complete the return.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. In answer to the hon. gentleman, I would say that I should be happy to receive any supplementary return from my hon. predecessor, and any information he furnishes me with, which is not in the Department, I would be glad to bring down, if it is not of a confidential character.

Mr. MACKENZIE. I may say that I had a letter from the Deputy Minister of Finance, asking me if there was any information of the character asked for. I wrote him a letter to say that there was some correspondence with the financial agents of the Dominion, in London, through Sir

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John Rose, but it was conducted by myself as Premier. It was not a Departmental matter at all, and all I could say was that if there was any possibility of getting it I would not object to furnish copies if they were asked for. I received no application from any quarter, and therefore I did not send them,

Mr. MITCHELL. I presume we will get it now.

Mr. DAVIES. I asked the other day for a return which I moved for some time ago, with reference to wages and salaries on the Intercolonial, and which the Minister of Public Works promised to make a note of.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The hon. gentleman is aware of course that these enquiries had to be made by communication with the Department at Moncton and other places. I asked that the information should be obtained as soon as the return was granted, and I hope to be able to submit it at an early day. With reference to the first question put by the leader of the Opposition I presume he refers to a telegram which I read from the Secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in response to his application. I said I brought down all the information I had, but that I had a telegram stating that they expected by the following Friday to furnish the other information.

Mr. BLAKE. Having failed in other ways to get the information, I put a question on the paper as to four simple points, relating to the cost of four large sections of the line. In answer to the question the hon. gentleman did not read a telegram—though I have no doubt he received one, because he said he had received information from the Company to the effect that they could not comply with all of the return, but this particular information and some other information would be given. The hon. gentleman said he expected to lay it on the Table on the Friday—this was Friday about a fortnight ago.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I will ask again for it.

Mr. BLAKE. If the hon. gentleman will make his officer refer back to the notice papers, as to these four points, I think he will agree with me that there should not be twenty-four hours delay in getting the information.

Mr. CHARLTON. I wish to ask with reference to a return which I moved for at an early day in the Session regarding timber licenses—the number granted, the area granted, the applicants, and whether applications were made by tender or otherwise. Though this return was moved for very early, in the hope we might receive the information at an early period of the Session, it has not come down yet. We only received, the other day, a return of the land which was moved for last year, and it also was imperfect. I venture to ask if we may hope for it this Session, as it is important that we should have this information in discussing the North-West Policy of the Government. I think it is very singular that returns of this kind, asked for early in the Session, cannot be brought down.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I will make enquiries and let the hon. gentleman know to-morrow.

Mr. CHARLTON. And what about the imperfect return which was moved for last year? It was imperfect as to whether the limits were let by public tender, and also as to the location of those which were let.

Mr. McMULLEN. An order was granted for a return showing the quantity of coal moved over the Intercolonial Railway. I would ask the Minister of Railways when we may expect it?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I will enquire and inform the hon. gentleman.