

in the year 1866 by the governments of Canada, Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, or in the year 1870 by the government of Canada, with the exception of certain battalions of riflemen formed for service in the Northwest.

Mr. SPEAKER. There is no intimation from the minister that this resolution has had the assent of the Crown.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I will do that to-morrow.

Mr. SPEAKER. I understand the rule is that the intimation must be given to the House when the matter is first brought before it.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). His Royal Highness the Governor General has been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution which stands in my name and I beg to move it.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I call attention to the fact that the hon. minister merely states that His Royal Highness has been made acquainted with the subject matter of the resolution. That is not sufficient authority.

Mr. HENDERSON. Did he consent?

Mr. PUGSLEY. That has not been stated.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria). I may say that His Royal Highness has approved of the resolution.

Motion agreed to.

DRY DOCK SUBSIDIES.

Hon. GEORGE H. PERLEY moved that the House do to-morrow go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend The Dry Docks Subsidies Act, 1910, and to provide (a) for the construction of dry docks for naval and general purposes, costing for the purposes of subsidy calculations not more than \$5,500,000, being dry docks other than floating dry docks of dimensions to be prescribed in a Bill to be based upon this resolution; and (b) that the subsidy payable in respect of such dry docks shall be a sum not exceeding three and one half per cent of the cost of the work as fixed and determined under the provisions of The Dry Docks Subsidies Act, 1910.

He said: His Royal Highness has been made acquainted with the subject matter of the resolution and approves of it.

Mr. PUGSLEY. Before this resolution is considered the House will require any estimates that have been made as to the amount required for the construction of dry docks, which has led to this resolution.

Mr. HUGHES (Victoria).

Mr. LEMIEUX. Has this resolution in view the proposed construction of the Quebec dry dock?

Mr. BORDEN. It has in view the construction of dry docks all over the country and it would naturally include the Quebec dry dock as well as others.

Mr. LEMIEUX. If it refers to the Quebec dry dock I would like the papers to be brought down before the resolution is discussed in the House. There are strong objections taken to the building of a dry dock where it is proposed, according to rumour.

Mr. BORDEN. I am not aware that any location has been made of the Quebec dry dock. If the hon. gentleman has any information on that point it is not in the possession of the government.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Very well.

Mr. PELLETIER. It might set at rest these discussions in the newspapers about this place and the other place as the site of the dry dock if I said that it is a question for the engineers to decide, and it stands to reason that the best place decided on by them will be accepted.

Mr. LEMIEUX. It was rumoured that the Quebec dry dock instead of being located on the Levis side would be located in the constituency of the Postmaster General, and he is aware that the shipping interests are opposed to that.

Mr. SPEAKER. It is out of order to have any debate at this stage.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I was just answering the suggestion of the Postmaster General.

Motion agreed to.

INQUIRY FOR RETURNS.

Mr. MURPHY. Over a week ago the Postmaster General told me that the return would be brought down immediately in answer to an order of the House passed on the 12th of February. It has not been presented yet.

Mr. PELLETIER. I brought down quite a number of them yesterday.

Mr. MURPHY. This is not amongst them.

Mr. PELLETIER. The employees of the department have a great deal of work to do in connection with preparing these returns, and they are doing their best.

Mr. MURPHY. The information asked for is set out in the order of the House of the 12th of February and if the hon. gentleman brings it down to-morrow I will appreciate it.