

papers are brought down he has made a mistake. If there had been an investigation it would simply have resulted in a waste of public money, because I have in my desk the letter on which the dismissal took place, and I am perfectly satisfied that the statements in that letter are incontrovertible. However, the facts will be open to discussion when the papers are brought down.

Motion agreed to.

EAST AND WEST ELGIN MAIL CONTRACTS.

Mr. INGRAM moved for :

Return showing all mail contracts that were cancelled and all that expired in East and West Elgin since 15th July, 1896 ; also all correspondence, reports, tenders received and contracts entered into for carrying the mail since 15th July, 1896, giving names and amounts.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). There is no objection to the motion, but as regards that portion of it which asks for the production of tenders, my hon. friend (Mr. Ingram) will see, that should these tenders refer to any contracts which are not yet completed, I would be obliged to withhold that information until the contracts are completed. It is not customary to give the tenders pending the completion of the contract. It may be that none of the papers asked for refer to contracts in that uncompleted stage.

Mr. INGRAM. All I ask is for the tenders up to date.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. I will give all the tenders that have been carried into contract. I have no objection to the order going, but I would have to defer producing the tenders in the other cases until the contract is completed.

Motion agreed to.

RETURNS ORDERED.

Detailed statement of the several amounts expended on Port Stanley Harbour since 15th July, 1896, including pay-sheet ; also all reports and correspondence in connection with the harbour and its improvements since 15th July, 1896, up to the present date.—(Mr. Ingram.)

Return showing the number of fishing licenses granted to fish in Lake Erie, opposite East and West Elgin, and their location; whether pound-net, gill-net or seine licenses, and to whom granted during the years 1895 and 1896. Also the names of all applicants for licenses for the year 1897, giving the names of those applicants who were granted licenses and the amount paid by each of them. Also, all telegrams, letters, reports and correspondence of every description in any wise relating to the granting or refusal of such licenses.—(Mr. Ingram.)

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier) moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 13th April, 1897.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. LANDERKIN moved :

That as the time for receiving petitions for Private Bills will expire during the Easter adjournment, the same be extended to Friday, the 23rd instant, and the time for presenting Private Bills be extended to Friday, the 30th instant, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, as contained in their second report.

Motion agreed to.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 30) respecting the Central Counties Railway Company—(Mr. McMullen.)

Bill (No. 31) respecting the Trail Creek and Columbia Railway Company.—(Mr. Landerkin, for Mr. Gibsor.)

Bill (No. 32) respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company.—(Mr. Landerkin.)

Bill (No. 33) respecting the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company.—(Mr. Taylor, for Mr. Osler.)

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Mr. McMULLEN moved :

That the Public Accounts of Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1896, and the Report of the Auditor General for the same fiscal year, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

EASTER ADJOURNMENT.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier) moved :

That when this House adjourns on Wednesday next, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, the twentieth day of April instant.

Motion agreed to.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE— THE CANADIAN MILITIA.

Mr. DOMVILLE. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to call the attention of the Government to a matter which is interesting us all, and probably the best way for me to bring it to the notice of the House is to move the adjournment. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is an event which now occupies the attention of the loyal people of Canada, and more especially