

Mr. CROTHERS:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. The minister.

FRUIT MARKS ACT AMENDMENT.

On motion of Mr. Burrell it was ordered that the House go into Committee tomorrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the Inspection and Sale Act, chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, 1906, and to provide: (1) that the Governor in Council, by regulation, may prescribe the kinds of imported fruit, the packages containing which must be branded or marked; the brands or marks to be used thereon; the manner and places in and at which such fruit is to be inspected and such packages branded or marked; (2) that all packages of fruit not branded or marked in accordance with such regulations shall be forfeited; and (3) that any person violating any regulation shall be liable to a fine of not more than \$50 and costs.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane, it was ordered that the House go into Committee tomorrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the Railway Act, and to provide that the Chief Commissioner of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada shall be paid an annual salary of \$12,500.

THE MINISTER OF MILITIA.

Mr. BUREAU: Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to direct the attention of the Minister of Militia to the following statement which is reported in the Citizen this morning as having been made by him:

He laughed to scorn the idea that the rebels of 1837 were patriots and were fighting for a just cause, and vividly portrayed the march of L.O.L. to fight against them. They waited not for the call to arms, but rose as a man to crush the rebels who were nothing but cranks and crooks who were driven out of their own country and tried to take Canada for the United States.

I desire also to call the attention of the hon. Minister of Militia to the fact that Sir George Etienne Cartier—

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is proceeding in a very irregular way. It is not proper to bring in papers and to read articles from them upon which to found questions or to initiate a debate. According to both Brand and Peel, the rule is distinctly that a member ought to be responsible for the correctness of an article before he brings it up in the House. In this Parliament that rule has been more honoured in the breach than in the observ-

ance. I think it would be well to follow the proper practice as closely as possible.

Mr. BUREAU: I desire to ask the Minister of Militia if this report is true, and, before he can pronounce on the truthfulness or untruthfulness of it, he must know what it is. I desire to ask him if he uttered these words which are reported in the Citizen as having been pronounced by him last night at Hintonburgh Orange Hall dedication.

Mr. HUGHES (Minister of Militia): I am very sorry that the hon. gentleman was not present on that occasion. I shall be glad to take him with me the next time that I go. If he will be good enough to put the question in the constitutional way, I shall be glad to answer it.

Mr. BUREAU: If I may be allowed, I shall ask the hon. minister another question. The Citizen reports that he made this statement:

Confederation was founded on the principles of the Orange Order, and he was of the opinion that the Orangemen of the time had a lot to do with it in dividing the country into counties and districts and provinces.

Were those words uttered by the hon. minister at the Hintonburgh Orange Hall dedication?

Mr. HUGHES: I promise my friend to call for him the next time that I go there. If he will also put that question in the proper way on the Order Paper, he will get an answer to it.

Mr. BUREAU: I think this is a fair question.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. It is one of those questions that could very properly be put upon the Order Paper, and I think that ought to be done. The custom which has grown up rapidly in this House in this regard should be abandoned as far as possible. Answers have just been furnished to a number of questions and are being furnished from day to day, and it would hardly be expected that upon the spur of the moment a minister of the Crown would be prepared to answer a question. If the question is put on the Order Paper, it gives an opportunity for a proper answer to be given.

UNIFORM BRITISH NATURALIZATION.

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD (Pictou): At an earlier period of the session, I brought to the attention of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Doherty) a question as to the improvement of legislation in regard to the naturalization of aliens within the Empire. He mentioned at the time that a measure had been prepared by the Imperial authorities, and that it would likely be dealt with at the session of Parliament then being held at Westminster. I would like to ask