

Hon. Sir GEORGE DRUMMOND—The points now proposed by the hon. leader of the government were duly placed before the committee and were considered at some length. They did not meet the views of the majority of the committee and, therefore, were not adopted; but I must say that I hold a similar view myself. I do not object to the powers and privileges granted to the firm of Revillon Brothers, but I think it was their purpose and intention, and it is only fitting, that these powers and privileges should be limited by some territorial definition, which the words now proposed by the hon. leader of the government would effect, in my view.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am quite sure the promoters of the Bill, if they apprehended the character of my suggestions, could have no possible objection to them. Every one, I think, will recognize that it would be preposterous to say that the firm might carry on a mail or money order business, between say Montreal and Toronto. That was never contemplated. The powers asked for will be of great advantage in connection with their posts in the unorganized territories. I will give a formal notice later on that the amendments will appear on the order paper; meantime I move that they be taken into consideration to-morrow..

The motion was agreed to.

#### COMMANDER SPAIN'S SERVICES.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC (in the absence of Hon. Mr. Landry) inquired :

What is the name of the ship, or the names of the ships, if there are more than one, on board of which Commander Spain discharged the duties of a master of a sea-going ship in the merchant marine, before obtaining his certificate of service on the 2nd of February, 1893?

What was the length of service thus performed by Commander Spain in the merchant marine, specifying the dates of command which he exercised on each of the ships in question?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Commander Spain's service has been in the Royal Navy, and in the Department of Marine. He was thirteen years in the Royal Navy, and has been sixteen years in the Marine Department.

By law he is entitled to, and obtained his merchant marine master's certificate in accordance with section 99, 57-58 Victoria,

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chapter 60, Merchant Shipping Act, on account of his previous service in the Royal Navy. During his 16 years service in the department he has had a great deal of experience with the merchant service, the branch of the department under his supervision bringing him constantly into relation with merchant shipping.

#### THE LUMINOUS BUOY ON ST. THOMAS BANK.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC (in the absence of Hon. Mr. Landry) inquired :

Was the substitution of an acetylene light for the Pintsch gas light in the luminous buoy on the St. Thomas bank—a substitution which according to the statement of the government took place on the 24th of October, 1905—announced in the 'Canada Gazette,' and on what date?

Was it otherwise announced and in what way was it communicated to those interested? And when?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The answer to the first question is 'No'. To the second and third questions: It was not otherwise announced as no change was made in the aid to navigation beyond substituting acetylene for Pintsch gas. Changes of this nature are never advertized by the department.

#### PENITENTIARIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

##### THIRD READING.

The order of the day being called :

Third reading Bill (176) an Act respecting Penitentiaries, as amended :

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said: I was giving the House information on the point of describing the boundary between Manitoba and the Territories. I made inquiry in the survey branch of the Interior Department and the answer was that it was correct, but that it would be verified more properly if it read in this way:—

Of that part of the Territories of Canada situated east of the province of Saskatchewan, and of the 102nd meridian.

I move that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be amended by inserting the words I have just mentioned.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—According to that description a portion of the territory north