

know later on what his conclusions are. I do not think the attention of the government had been called to it by any of the Breeders' Associations to which the hon. gentleman has referred, because the subject seemed to be new to the Minister of the Railways, and I had only an opportunity to bring it to his notice a few minutes before I came into the House. He said he would look into it and send an answer later on.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—I am quite satisfied since the hon. gentleman has promised to look into it and give a reply. When will he be able to give his answer—say Monday next?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will confer with Mr. Blair.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—I hope the Minister of the Railways will look carefully into the statement made by the hon. gentleman that the government railways already have been charging a lower rate.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I did not state it as absolutely correct. That is my impression, but I may be wrong.

#### SECOND READING.

Bill (A) "An Act for the relief of Robert Augustus Baldwin Hart."—(Hon. Mr. Clemow).

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (C) "An Act for the relief of Edward Heyward."—(Hon. Mr. Clemow).

Bill (D) "An Act for the relief of James Pearson."—(Hon. Mr. Clemow).

The Senate adjourned.

#### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Thursday, 10th March, 1898.*

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (E) "An Act to amend the Canadian Mining Regulations for the Yukon."—(Hon. Mr. Boulton).

Bill (F) "An Act to incorporate the Pacific and Yukon Railway Navigation and Mining Company,"—(Hon. Mr. Loughheed).

#### DRUMMOND COUNTY RAILWAY SUBSIDIES INVESTIGATION.

##### MOTION POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day being called :—

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed—

1. To inquire into the amount, source, and expenditure of all subsidies granted to the Drummond County Railway Company, and of all other moneys received and expended by the said company, and the times and manner of such expenditure,

2. The capital stock of the company, proceeds of all sales of same by the company, subscriptions of stock, names of subscribers, amounts subscribed, calls made thereon, and amounts paid on same, transfers of stock from time to time, and to whom.

3. The financial position of the company, its liabilities, matured or accruing, inclusive of bonds sold and their proceeds, of loans, or advances made to or by the company, and the application of the same, together with particulars of all guarantees or endorsements given to or by the company in relation thereto.

4. The particulars of all offers, or negotiations for the sale, lease or transfer of the company's property.

5. The classification and condition of said railway and equipment, at any time or times, together with all matters and things relating to the said Drummond County Railway Company, inclusive of all negotiations and dealings with the Government of Canada in reference to the said company.

Said Committee to be as follows :—The Honourable Messieurs Clemow, Cox, De Boucherville, Ferguson, Kirchner, King, Loughheed, Landry, Miller, Mills, Macdonald (B.C.), Power, Prowse, Primrose, Thibaudau (de la Vallière), Wood, and the mover; with power to send for papers, persons, and records, and to employ such persons as the Committee may deem necessary for the purposes of the said investigation, and to report from time to time.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL said : I move that this notice be discharged, and that it be set down for Monday the 21st of this month. My reason for asking this postponement is the fact that an investigation is now going on in the other branch of parliament, and on looking into a somewhat analogous procedure in the House of Lords some years ago, I find that, while their lordships agreed upon the important fact that the House of Lords has the same rights and privileges as had the House of Commons in investigating matters, particularly the finance of India, their lordships agreed, after a discussion of some little time, upon the one point which was then discussed, and that was the power and right of the lords to proceed at the same time that the Commons were proceeding with their investigation. The Duke of Argyll, who took part in the discussion, intimated that he thought