friend's assistance we have squeezed out more answers from the various departments than we have ever got before.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I am ready to propose a vote of thanks at the close of the session to the hon. gentleman for the aid he has given me. This is the last question I have, and we should part on good terms, and I am sure he will try and get an answer to the question to-morrow. If the accusation was made, it was made here in Ottawa, I suppose, and the Department of Railways can give an answer. If I had the authority of my hon. friend I would go to the department direct and get an answer, but I have not his influence.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I don't know about that. My influence is ebbing. I think I am looked upon as a nuisance.

The inquiry was allowed to stand.

THE OPIUM TRADE IN CANADA.

MOTION.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the table of the Senate all correspondence, reports, memorials and protests forwarded to the government in connection with the opium trade in Canada, whether asking for the suppression of said trade or otherwise.

He said: This question will come up before the Senate for discussion soon, probably to-night, and I should like to see this correspondence, if the hon. gentleman can procure it for me.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I asked to-day at council if any of my colleagues had received communications, and the reply was that they had not. I asked Mr. Templeman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Lemieux. I had a long telegram from Mr. Peters in British Columbia, and a communication from Mr. McInnes, who, I understand, is acting for them. Those are the only two I know of.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—What is the nature of the telegrams from Mr. Peters?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The telegram is as follows:

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.

Victoria, B.C., July 14, 1908.
Hon. Senator Scott,
       Senate, Ottawa.
Re Statute preventing sale of opium, Chinese merchants claim that great injustice will be worked if Act brought in force at once. They have half a million dollars of stock on hand, which will be almost a total loss, also a large amount is now in transit to British Columbia. Is it not possible to give some time to dispose of stock on hand? Immediate enforcing of Act means practical confiscation. Again, persons used to smoking opium cannot be stopped at once; they must stop by degrees and if sale is absolutely stopped it will mean the death of many such persons. The opium used for smoking and which is the only kind manufacturing here, is known as Patna and is not the same kind as used by druggists which is known as Persian opium.

                            FRED. PETERS.

The effect of the letter from Mr. McInnes, was that if the parties were granted six months they would be willing to give security to the amount of $50,000. I brought it up in council to-day and council did not favour extending the time beyond three months, because it would lead to smuggling. I have brought down all the correspondence I know of.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The House resumed in Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill (189) An Act to amend the Civil Service Act.

(In the Committee.)

On clause 38,

38. No salary or additional remuneration, beyond the regular salary of the office he holds shall be paid to any deputy head, officer, clerk, or employee in the Civil Service, or to any other person permanently employed in the public service, except by a special vote of parliament, in which the name of the person who is to receive the remuneration shall be given; and no vote expressed to be made generally ' notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act ' shall be deemed sufficient to authorize the payment of any such additional salary or remuneration.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Attention was called in the other Chamber to the fact that this clause was rather confused. It is somewhat involved. The expression 'notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act' would not avail to carry a vote. I propose to make it clear and after the word 'generally' I propose to add the words: