

INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

Senator Ferguson Makes Some Motions.

(From the Senate Hansard.)

Hon. Mr. Ferguson moved:— That a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the table of the Senate all correspondence which has taken place since the 13th July last, between the government of the Dominion and the provincial government of Prince Edward Island regarding certain financial claims of that province upon the federal government.

He said: As this correspondence, if any, covers a very short period of time, we may reasonably expect that it will be brought down very soon, and we can discuss it then.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—There is no objection to this motion. I think there is a very limited correspondence. The only paper I have been able to find is a single letter and the answer to it.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson.—Then we may expect that the return will be brought down very soon.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—Yes. The motion was agreed to.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER HILLSBOROUGH RIVER. Hon. Mr. Ferguson inquired: Whether the Federal Government have agreed to co-operate with the provincial government of Prince Edward Island, in the construction of a railway and passenger bridge over the Hillsborough River, connecting Charlottetown with Southport? If so, what is the estimated cost of the bridge, and what proportion of the cost is intended to be borne by the Federal Government?

Hon. Mr. Scott.—No agreement as to co-operation with the provincial government in the construction of the bridge referred to has been reached, but the question of the construction of such a bridge has been discussed between the provincial premier, the Hon. Mr. Peters, and the Minister of Railways and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and a sum of \$7,500 has been placed in the estimates for the coming year for the purpose of making a survey of the bridge and arriving at an estimate of its cost. At present there is no estimate of the cost of the bridge.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson.—And there is no arrangement as to what portion the Federal Government will pay. The usual amount I think, is 15 per cent on large bridges of that kind.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—The ordinary amount contributed for railway bridges in the past I think, has been 15 per cent of the cost—that is speaking from the recollection; but I do not know in this particular case that any arrangement has been made.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson.—Not even 15 per cent.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—That is the ordinary subsidy, I think, paid by the Dominion for many years on railway bridges, but in reference to this particular bridge, I do not know whether that rule is to apply—whether the amount is to be more or less. It would not be any less, of course, but it might be more.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson.—As it will not be less, we are then to understand that there is to be a grant of 15 per cent. My hon. friend says it will not be less, are we to understand that 15 per cent is guaranteed.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—The hon. gentleman rather strains the language I made use of. I stated that under the policy of the late government—and I presume that this government does not propose to depart from it, of course it is open to them to do so—the usual contribution in building bridges that are used by railways has been 15 per cent of the cost. I know of no reason why a different rule should prevail in this particular case.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell.—Then, I presume, it is implied that the railway is to be built? If it is not the intention of the government to construct the railway, what necessity is there for ascertaining the cost of building the bridge, unless it is for the purpose of enabling them to come to a decision as to the propriety of building that railway, unless we are to understand that the policy of the government is to be extended to bridges other than those which are used for railways.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—I am not prepared to go as far as that, and I did not state that the government's policy was to build this particular bridge. What I stated was that the sum of \$7,500 was put in the estimates for the purpose of making a survey and ascertaining what the cost would be. The mere ascertaining of the cost of a public work, does not involve the construction of it. It might cost more than the government feels justified in contributing. That I am unable to say, and there is no use in discussing questions which may or may not arise.

THE STEAMER "PETREL" Hon. Mr. Ferguson moved: That a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate, a copy of the contract or charter by which the steamer "Petrel" has been employed for winter navigation between Prince Edward Island and the mainland during the present year, and all correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, or any officer thereof, and the owners of the said "Petrel" relative to the said contract or charter.

Also, a statement of all expenses incurred by the government of Canada, in the outfit, repair and maintenance of the said steamer, and in the payment of wages to her officers and men, giving the name of each employe, and the amount paid or to be paid each.

Also, a statement showing the number

of round trips made by the steamer, between Cape Tormentine and Cape Traverse, or any other port in Prince Edward Island, from the 1st December, 1896, to the 5th of April of the present year, with the date of such trips.

Also, a statement of the number of passengers, and the quantity of freight carried by the said steamer between the ports aforesaid, and the amount received for carrying such freight and passengers, for the above mentioned period.

And also, a statement of the number of mails carried by the said steamer, during the same period.

He said: I will ask hon. gentlemen to allow a very slight amendment to this motion. When I put the notice on the paper it was just a day or two after the 5th of April. Time has intervened since then and it will be more complete if this information would extend to the 1st of May, which is the period when the winter navigation entirely ends in the lower provinces, and spring and summer navigation commences, and with the consent of the House I would ask to be allowed to amend the motion by inserting the 1st of May instead of the 5th of April.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—There is no objection. Hon. Mr. Ferguson.—I do not intend to make observations at this stage of the motion, further than to say that the employment of this steamer Petrel has been a huge blunder from beginning to end. She has been, as I have no doubt when this return comes down, will be seen, a source of large expense to the taxpayers of Canada, and she has performed no service whatever. She has been lying idle with an expensive crew on board, at great cost to the country—she has done absolutely nothing. I question if she has made three round trips during the four months, and she has been maintained at the cost of the Dominion. The utter unsuitability of this steamer for the service must have been apparent to everybody from the time it was put there. There was nothing but amazement felt that a boat, utterly unfit for the service, without the first qualification for the service, should be kept there during the whole of last winter.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell.—Who owns the boat?

Hon. Mr. Ferguson.—That is what we want to find out. She belonged, I believe to some company at Collins' Bay. She is a mere tug boat, utterly unfit to grapple with ice. She could not even make an experiment. When the information comes down, as I hope it will soon, it will be apparent that what I have said is true, that the money has been absolutely and entirely thrown away without any benefit whatever not even in the way of experiment, because she has effected nothing.

Hon. Mr. Scott.—There is no objection to the address going. I am not familiar with any of the facts. I presume when the papers come down we will be able to ascertain whether the statement made by the hon. Senator are correct or not. In the meantime, I have no information whatever on the subject, but I have no objection to bringing down the return.

EDHEM PASHA'S CHARACTER. Edhem Pasha, though a Turk, is far from being an unspeakable one, if the reports about him that come from the war correspondents are to be believed. They describe the invader of Thessaly as a handsome, courteous and well educated man, who looks more than his forty-five years because his thick beard, once glossy black, is now thickly flecked with gray. He is above middle height, his nose is straight and rather long, his gray eyes are large and intelligent, and his manner is that attractive mingling of amiability with dignity which is a not uncommon attribute of the Turk as seen on ordinary occasions. Edhem does not strike the superficial observer as a strong man, but he is a hard worker and does not spare himself. His talk is as a rule quiet and marked by much refinement; but it grows animated when a subject kindles his interest, and his eyes then glow with enthusiasm. It is difficult to judge of a man's sense of humor through the barriers of a strange language. His style of life is simple and he has none of the Oriental love of display. In character he seems to be straightforward and sincere, frank and truth loving. Tricky and intrigue, diplomacy and politics, alike he appears to detest. His subordinates and those who see him most intimately are most fond of him.

London (Ont.) Free Press: The business depression in the country increases in proportion as the effects of the new tariff become better understood. The rush to Ottawa of those representing the industrial interests has been unprecedented. The earnest protests that are pouring in upon the government from all sides but faintly indicate the feeling of alarm that pervades every manufacturing community. There can be no doubt that the welfare of our cities and towns is seriously imperilled by the turn of events. If our industries go crashing down under the strain that has been applied to them, it will be but poor consolation to the farmer that he is to get binder twine at United States prices after next January.

Kansas has suffered so frequently from cyclones and blizzards that heads of families in many school districts of the state have organized for the purpose of building tornado caves near the school houses, in which their children may be sheltered whenever a heavy storm appears to be coming. A large number of the patrons of the schools of Central Kansas will, during this month, meet on a given day and build all the caves that may be needed. Orders will be posted to teachers to put their pupils in these safety caves whenever there are signs of a rapidly moving and heavy storm.

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It takes money to run a newspaper. —Saint John (Kan.) News.

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It takes wind to run a newspaper; it takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes a scintillating, acrobatic imagination and a half dozen white shirts and a railroad pass to run a newspaper. But money—heavens to Betsy and six hands round, who ever needed money in conducting a newspaper! Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. When you see an editor with money watch him. He'll be paying his bills and disgracing his profession. Never give money to an editor. Make him trade it out. He likes to swap.

Then when you die, after having stood around for years and sneered at the editor and his little jim-crow paper, be sure and have your wife send your weeping children, and when she reads the generous and touching notice about you, forewarn her to neglect to send 15 cents to the editor. It would overwhelm him. Money is a corrupting thing. The editor knows it, and what he wants is your heartfelt thanks. Then he can thank the printers and they can thank their grocers.

Take your job work to the job office, and then come and ask for half rates for the church notices. Get your lodge letter heads and stationery printed out of town, and then flood the editor with beautiful thoughts in resolutions of respect and cards of thanks. They make such spicy reading and when you pick it up filled with these glowing and vivid mortuary articles you are so proud of your little local paper. But money—scorn the filthy thing. Don't let the pure, innocent editor know anything about it. Keep that for sordid tradespeople who charge for their wares. The editor gives his bounty away.

Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the state to act as doctor for the company. He will get the paper out somehow; and stand up for the town and whoop it up for you when you run for office, and lie about your daughter's wedding, and blow about your sons when they get a job, and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body, and smile at your giddy wife's second marriage. Don't worry about the editor—he'll get on. The Lord knows how—but somehow.—Emporia Gazette.

BUDA PESTH, May 12.—In the lower house of the Hungarian parliament, today Baron Balfi, the premier, replying to interpellation with respect to the recent visit of the Emperor Francis Joseph to St. Petersburg said: "Austria-Hungary's position toward her allies is unchanged. The triple alliance is not one of those short lived policy combinations which can be easily replaced by other arrangements. The triple alliance constitutes the unchangeable basis of Austria's foreign policy. It is absolutely peaceful and, therefore, allows its members to enter into friendly agreement with other powers. "Russia, like Austria-Hungary, has declared that she is not pursuing selfish ends in the east, but that she has her only aims, the maintenance of order, security and the preservation of the status quo. In the light of these facts I declare positively that Austria-Hungary and Russia have identical and harmonious aims in their eastern provinces; and the visit of the emperor to St. Petersburg has doubtless helped to foster and to strengthen the good relations existing between the two countries."

Merely Formal. "What did she say when you ventured to kiss her?" "She said, 'Stop right where you are!'" —Indianapolis Journal.

The Arbitrator. "Are you going abroad this summer?" "I don't know. Papa is in Washington seeing Mr. McKinley about it now." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Young Man's Education. He said as his accounts he scanned— His notes were angry rather— "That boy's a credit to his class, But a debit to his father." —Washington Star.

Her Suggestion. He—You are as sweet as sugar. I wish I had courage to kiss you. She—What is sugar without sand? —Town Topics.

Brief Psalm of Life. What ardent friends were you and Gray! You wore each other's collars. But you lost him when one luckless day You lent him forty dollars. —Chicago Tribune.

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