

neater. Thirty thousand dollars is altogether too much for a building of that kind, but things were done at that time with a rush.

Mr. URIAH WILSON. What material is it built of?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Wood.

Public Works—Income—British Columbia—Dominion public buildings—Improvements, renewals, repairs, &c., \$3,000.

Mr. BERGERON. Do we require to have these general votes all the time?

Mr. FIELDING. Yes.

Some resolutions reported.

Mr. FIELDING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. TAYLOR. Before the adjournment will the hon. Minister of Finance state what business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. The motion for supply will be made to-morrow.

Mr. TAYLOR. No autonomy Bill to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. I think not to-morrow.

Mr. TAYLOR. I thought we were promised that to-day or to-morrow for certain.

Mr. FIELDING. By whom?

Mr. TAYLOR. When it was left over last week.

Mr. FIELDING. I do not know whether there has been any understanding between my right hon. friend the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) and the hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden), but it will be subject to what the Prime Minister may say to-morrow. He did not intimate when he went away that it would come up.

Mr. TAYLOR. I think there was a general understanding that it would be taken up Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. FIELDING. I will have to ask the hon. gentleman to reserve that question until the Prime Minister is present.

Mr. TAYLOR. Then, it will be estimates.

Mr. FIELDING. Yes, estimates.

Mr. TAYLOR. Public Works?

Mr. FIELDING. Yes, I think so.

Motion agreed to, House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, May 30, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES.

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST—DISCUSSION OF BILL.

On the Orders of the Day being called,

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to ask the Minister of Finance, in the absence of the Prime Minister, when it is proposed to resume the discussion of the Bill establishing the new province of Alberta? The Minister of Finance will perhaps remember that my hon. friend the Minister of Justice—who, I regret to learn, has been indisposed for a day or two—made a statement as to what, in his opinion, is the difference between clause 16 as originally inserted in these Autonomy Bills and the amended clause 16, which has not been discussed very much as yet, although it has been before the House for some time. Since the Minister of Justice made that statement—a very carefully considered statement which he read to the House—there has not been any opportunity, so far as I am concerned, to make any observations with regard to it, and if it would be convenient to the government I would like to speak on that question at as early a date as possible. In saying this, of course, I do not desire to put the Minister of Justice to any inconvenience if he is indisposed; I merely mention it in order that my request may be conveyed to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Justice. I am unable to discuss the question until the government brings the Bills on again.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). A similar question was put to me at the adjournment last night. I then expected I would be able to see the Prime Minister this morning, so that I would be able to give an answer, but unfortunately he has not been at his office. I therefore do not feel at liberty to answer the question at present, but I will communicate with him, and my hon. friend will receive an intimation later. The absence of the Minister of Justice has an important bearing on the matter, and, as my hon. friend knows, he has been in very poor health.

## GEORGIAN BAY ISLANDS—QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. GEORGE D. GRANT. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to speak on a question of privilege. On Thursday last, in my absence from the House and the city, the hon. member for East Simcoe (Mr. Bennett), during the discussion of the estimates of the Department of the Interior, made reference to the sale of an island in the Georgian Bay to Mr. Frederick W. Grant, and the suggestion was thrown out here and repeated in the public press that the purchaser of this island being my brother, I necessarily had something to do with the transaction. I desire, Mr.