

heart-burnings, which will make for the establishment of the rights of the provinces, and for constitutional rights which we are bound as a matter of national honour and as a matter of that justice which hon. gentlemen opposite, when it suited them, have so loudly advocated, which they have so long denied.

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 11.25 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, April 13, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### MEMBER INTRODUCED.

Edmund Bristol, Esq., member for the electoral district of Toronto Centre, introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. E. B. Osler.

### OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. H. GERVAIS (St. James, Montreal) presented the second report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the Debates of the House, as follows:—

Your committee recommend that each volume of the official report of the debates contain the same number of pages as those of last session, viz., 1,000 pages, with the complete index for the whole session at the end of each volume, in lieu of the index containing the contents of the volume only.

H. GERVAIS, Chairman.

### QUESTIONS.

#### LOGBERG PRINTING COMPANY.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE asked:

What is the total amount paid to the Logberg Printing Company, Winnipeg, during each year since January 1st, 1898, to 1st January, 1905, by all departments of this government?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). The total amount paid to the Logberg Printing Company, Winnipeg, during each year since the 1st of January, 1898, to the 1st of January, 1905, by the Department of Indian Affairs is as follows:—

1898.. . . .	\$ 5 25
1899 .. . . .	3 15
1900.. . . .	16 48
1901 .. . . .	8 40
1902.. . . .	7 28
1903 .. . . .	7 38
1904.. . . .	7 60

\$55 54

MR. HEBER W. RYAN.

Mr. GANONG asked:

1. Is Heber W. Ryan in the employ of the government railway?
2. If so, how long has he been in the employ of the government, what are his duties, and what salary does he receive?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. Yes.
2. Since November, 1898. Clerk in general offices at Moncton. \$57 per month.

### EASTER ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. FOSTER. Before the orders of the day are called, I would like to ask the right hon. the leader of the government if he has any information to give the House with reference to the time of adjournment for the Easter holidays.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. After having had the opinion taken on both sides, I have come to the conclusion that perhaps it will meet the wishes of hon. members generally if we should adjourn on Wednesday next to the following Tuesday.

Mr. FOSTER. On Wednesday at six o'clock?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have no objection.

### DREDGING CONTRACT AT PORT ARTHUR AND FORT WILLIAM.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT. As I see the Acting Minister of Public Works in his place, I wish to question him concerning an advertisement calling for tenders to do a quantity of dredging at Port Arthur and Fort William, and to put myself in order shall move the adjournment. The date of the advertisement is the 7th of April and it states that the tenders are to close on the 4th of April. Has the time been extended, and if not will it be?

Hon. C. S. HYMAN (Acting Minister of Public Works). I understand that what the hon. gentleman says is correct as regards the date. I have had no request for an extension of time; but if an extension will facilitate greater competition, I shall be very glad to have the time extended.

Mr. BENNETT. I am informed, whether correctly or not, that in the past two seasons a large amount of dredging was done at Port Arthur and Fort William, and that in each case tenders were not called for, but the contractor got the work at his own price and on his own terms, and the work was let to the firm of Conmee & Bowman. One of the firm is Mr. Conmee, I am informed, who is member for the riding of Thunder Bay and Rainy River. Whether my information be true or not, I am not in