

consulted. As soon as the member for Brandon resigned apparently his friends followed him. The Liberal members were exceedingly enthusiastic the first day, but when Mr. Sifton stepped out the western members stepped out with him. Mr. Sifton came back and he announced that a compromise had been made, and that the Bill had been changed. He told us that he was opposed to separate schools, and in effect his statement was, that rather than turn his party out of power he would sacrifice his principles and stay with the game. Talk about a hero. I got letters and resolutions stating that they were proud of Mr. Sifton and that there never was a greater hero in the country, because every one has respect for a man who sticks to his principles no matter what these principles may be. The Orange lodges were extolling Mr. Sifton, and I got letters asking me to back up Mr. Sifton, and I was ready to back him up but I am sorry he deserted us in the fight. I see my hon. friend from Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) here, and I listened to his address with a great deal of interest. I may say here that whether we are Grit or Tory, or whether we are Catholic or Protestant we must all be glad that the keynote of every speech here is loyalty to the British Crown. We may differ for a little while on educational questions, but so long as we are loyal there is no danger but that everything will come out right in the end. I would like my hon. friend from Labelle to come up into my country and stay there for ten years, and I can tell him he will come back to Quebec the best defender of national schools in the country.

Mr. BOURASSA. I simply ask my hon. friend to come and spend fifteen days in the province of Quebec, and that will be sufficient to make him the best friend of separate schools there is in the country.

Mr. SCHAFFNER. Now, Mr. Speaker, I shall have very great pleasure, when the time comes, in voting for the amendment of the hon. leader of the opposition, which reads as follows :

Upon the establishment of a province in the Northwest Territories of Canada as proposed by Bill (No. 69), the legislature of such province, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1886, is entitled to and should enjoy full powers of provincial self-government including power to exclusively make laws in relation to education.

In closing, I want to say that the schools are clearly a matter for the people of the provinces themselves. If they say separate schools, all right ; if they say national and public schools, all right ; if they say both kinds, all right. Let them take their own responsibility and bear their own burden. Let the people of the new provinces settle their own school matters, as they have the undoubted right to do.

Mr. SCHAFFNER.

Mr. GRANT moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 143) to incorporate the Owen Sound and Meaford Railway Company.—Mr. Telford.

Bill (No. 144) to incorporate the Fessenden Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada.—Mr. Telford.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, April 17, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 145) respecting a patent, No. 69772, of the Underwood Typewriter Company.—Mr. Grant.

Bill (No. 146) respecting patents of the Underwood Typewriter Company.—Mr. Grant.

#### ANTHRACITE COAL AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. GALLIHER moved :

That that part of the tenth report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders which refers to the petition of Patrick Burns and others for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Anthracite Coal and Railway Company be referred back to the said committee for further consideration.

He said : In explanation of this motion, I may say that at the time the matter was dealt with on the 3rd March last by the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders we had no proof before us of the due publication of the notice required by the rule. As that proof is now in our hands, the Select Standing Committee will be prepared to deal with the petition and to consider it favourably.

Motion agreed to.

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

On the Orders of the Day being called :

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I desire to ask the hon. acting Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman) if he has the return concerning Port Arthur and Fort William harbours ?

Mr. HYMAN. The report has been laid before the department and sent over to the Secretary of State in the usual way.