

Mr. FOWLER. He goes over the land and inspects it, and it is on his report that the lease is granted?

Mr. OLIVER. It may or may not be granted; but it is a preliminary condition that the ranch inspector shall report the land as only fit for grazing in order for it to be leased. If it were agricultural land, it would be contrary to the regulations of the department to grant it as a grazing lease.

Mr. FOWLER. In case a portion of the land is fit for grazing and a portion suitable for agriculture what does the minister do? Would you eliminate the agricultural part, and grant the lease over the grazing part?

Mr. OLIVER. There have been no leases granted under my initiative taken since I entered the office. But my judgment would be that if any considerable portion of the agricultural land were included, leases would not be granted as grazing leases.

Mr. HERRON. I desire once again to place myself on record in regard to this amendment. I have not heard any sufficient reason put forward why the Dominion government should retain control of the lands instead of handing them over to the provinces. I think we are just as capable of dealing with the lands as are the people of any other province. We have put in as strong a protest as we can. I think we ought to be granted full autonomy in regard to the lands, also in regard to the control of our school system.

Amendment (Mr. Lake) negatived, and section 20 as amended, agreed to, and schedule as amended agreed to.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. This disposes of the Alberta Bill, with the exception of sections 2 and 16, and also the section which will be section 25, the date at which the Act is to be brought into force. To-morrow we will take up sections 2 and 16.

Mr. LAKE. Will the minister kindly bring down for each of the local constituencies in the province of Saskatchewan the numbers of votes cast and the names on the voters' lists, as was done in the case of Alberta?

Mr. OLIVER. I think I will be able to lay a copy of them on the table to-morrow.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, June 28, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

## QUESTIONS.

### PARLIAMENTARY CARPETS.

Mr. OSLER—by Mr. Taylor—asked:

1. What is the quantity, quality, make and value of carpets purchased by the government for use in both Houses of parliament for each of the past two years?
2. What quantity came in free of duty?
3. Were any of the carpets purchased made in Canada?

Hon. C. S. HYMAN (Minister of Public Works). In so far as the Department of Public Works is concerned, the following is a statement of facts: Amount expended, \$1,043.87; number of yards of carpet purchased, 459, ranging from 69 cents to \$1.75 per yard. Linoleum purchased, 318½ yards at \$1.15 and \$1.28 per yard; also 7 rugs ranging from \$19.75 to \$25, and 3 stair carpets at \$2.35 each. All the above purchased in Canada, but the department does not know whether they were made in Canada.

As to House of Commons carpets—

1. The quantity, quality, make and value of carpets are as follows:—

Fiscal Year 1903-4.		Per Yd.
36½ yards	Tapestry, at.....	\$1 05
1	“ Brussels, at.....	1 25
108	“ Axminster, at.....	1 50
1¼	“ Wilton, at.....	1 75
23	“ Brussels stair carpet at	2 25
1¼	“ Brussels stair carpet at	2 25
22½	“ Cork carpet, at.....	1 25

Fiscal Year 1904-5.		
26½	“ Brussels, at.....	\$1 15
20 5-6	“ Brussels, at.....	1 05
57	“ Brussels, at.....	1 35
27	“ Brussels, at.....	1 35
2¼	“ Brussels stair carpet, at	2 25
86	“ Wilton, at.....	1 75
30	“ Brussels, at.....	1 50

2. None.

3. No information.

Mr. FOSTER. Would my hon. friend not think it fair to get the information he is lacking? It could easily be obtained.

Mr. HYMAN. I shall endeavour to do so. These carpets are not bought from the manufacturers, and to do so would necessitate in each case a particular inquiry. But if the hon. gentleman desires it, I hope to be able to get the information.

Mr. FOSTER. That is what my hon. friend from Toronto (Mr. Osler) wants.

MR. J. G. TURRIFF.

Mr. FOSTER asked:

1. When did J. G. Turriff become an employee of the government?
2. In what capacities has he from time to time been employed, and at what salary in each case?
3. What was his position, and what his duties, when employed in the department at Ottawa?
4. When did his connection cease with the department at Ottawa?