

sciences of my fellow Catholic members, but which do not appeal as well to the consciences of my Protestant colleagues.

'No' he answered as leader of the opposition in 1896, but in 1905 as Prime Minister of Canada, representing not a party, but the entire electorate of the country. Roman Catholics and Protestant alike, as I have said, with thirteen or fourteen constitutional advisers, he sits silent in this House when he is told not once, or twice but many times across the floor of parliament that he has been advising, not with Roman Catholic priests, who are citizens of the country and whose right to participate in the administration of public affairs the same as other citizens is not denied—was not denied by him in 1896—but whose alleged attempts to dictate to him as leader of the opposition in 1896 he professed to resent—but advising with an Italian ecclesiastical envoy, who is not a citizen of this country, who is himself a foreigner and who is here to represent an ecclesiastical power which is not recognized by our constitution—who neither in his personal nor representative capacity is entitled to any voice whatever in the government of this country. In the light of this latest development I beg to remind the right hon. gentleman of his eloquent and patriotic words of 1896, which I have quoted, and I beg in the same light also to commend them to the members of this House and to the people of this country.

Mr. BRUNEAU moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, April 14, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Department of Militia and Defence for the year ending 31st December, 1904.—Sir Frederick Borden.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES.

Mr. H. GERVAIS presented the third report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the Debates of this House during the present session, as follows:—

Your committee recommend that the rule requiring that the official report of the debates be translated into French from the English revised edition be amended so that the translation be made in future from the daily (un-revised) edition of the debates, i.e., from copy to be furnished by the official reporters.

ANTHRACITE COAL AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. GALLIHER moved:

That that part of the 10th 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.

Mr. BERGERON. What is the reason of the motion? Why should it be sent back to the Committee on Standing Orders?

Mr. GALLIHER. This is a Bill from the Senate, and was handed to me to present. Every Bill that comes from the Senate has to be presented here by some one.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Better withdraw the motion.

Mr. BERGERON. Find out what it is first.

Mr. HAGGART. Better follow the usual procedure, and let a day's notice be given.

Mr. GALLIHER. I will withdraw it.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 135) respecting the Western Alberta Railway Company.—Mr. Galliher.

Bill (No. 137) respecting the Kingston, Smiths Falls and Ottawa Railway Company.—Mr. Galliher.

Bill (No. 139) respecting the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company.—Mr. D. Ross.

Bill (No. 140) respecting the Northwest Coal and Coke Railway Company and to change its name to the Great West Railway Company.—Mr. Galliher.

Bill (No. 141) respecting the Kaslo and Lardeau-Duncan Railway Company.—Mr. Galliher.

Bill (No. 138) respecting the Montreal Bridge Company, and to change its name to 'The Montreal Bridge Terminal Company.'—Mr. Piché.

Bill (No. 142) for the relief of Edward Norman Lewis, M.P.—Mr. Fitzpatrick.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF DEBATES

Mr. H. GERVAIS (Montreal, St. James) moved:

That the second report of the Debates Committee relating to the index of the debates be concurred in.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would like to know what the report is before we concur in it.

Mr. GERVAIS. I may say that the report was made to this House yesterday. A sub-committee of the Debates Committee was appointed some time ago to examine into the question whether or not we should