

Now, Mr. Speaker, I cannot for the life of me see how the people in the Northwest can do anything else than support such a school system as that. This class of schools has been in operation now for thirty years, it was instituted by the people themselves, it has been voted upon and approved as it now stands, ever since 1892. It has given the very best of satisfaction, and the people say themselves that if it were left to them to decide they would continue this identical system. Now why should we not allow them to do so, especially when we find the system itself so excellent? Now we are told by people in Toronto and other places that the people in the Northwest Territories do not want these schools, that there is a terrible state of excitement in the Northwest. Well, Sir, I would like to give you a little evidence of how the people in the Northwest look at this subject, and I will read a letter which has just appeared in the 'Globe' from a gentleman in the Northwest. He is one of my constituents and has lived in my constituency for many years, but at present he is travelling on the road. The letter is written by Mr. A. B. Lowe. He says :

I have been in the west—meaning British Columbia, the Territories and Western Manitoba—since the new year, visiting the lodges of our brotherhood, the Maintenance of Way Employees on the Canadian Pacific Railway—

Mr. Speaker, I do not feel able to go on any further ; I regret that I shall have to stop.

Mr. CAMPBELL moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 9.25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. H. GERVAIS presented the fourth report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the Debates, as follows :—

The select committee appointed to supervise the official report of the debates of this House during the present session beg leave to present the following as their fourth report :

Mr. A. A. WRIGHT.

Your committee recommend :

1. That the services of H. R. Fiset, a member of the staff of translators of the official report of the debates be dispensed with and that his salary be paid him up to the 30th instant.
2. That the chairman of the committee be authorized to employ, in a temporary capacity, the services of a substitute to replace Mr. Fiset, and that such substitute be paid during the time he is employed as translator at the same rate as that paid the other members of the staff.
3. That the necessary authorization be given the committee to appoint an additional proof reader on the staff and that the said appointment and remuneration, viz., \$1,500 per annum, date from the 1st May next.
4. That with a view of expediting the printing of the French edition of the debates the services of a competent person be secured to superintend the printing of the edition in question.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HONORE GERVAIS,
Chairman.

Mr. GERVAIS moved that the said report be now concurred in.

Mr. SPROULE. I notice that several important changes are recommended there, and as the report has only been presented to-day, I suggest that it be allowed to stand.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE—DISCRIMINATION IN RAILWAY RATES.

Mr. PETER H. McKENZIE moved :

That the House do now concur in the third report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization in so far as said report recommends that it be referred to the Railway Commission of Canada.

Mr. SPROULE. Would the hon. member please explain ?

Mr. PETER H. McKENZIE. This part of the report referred to is the report of the sub-committee on railway rates appointed by the Committee of Agriculture and Colonization. This report was handed in about two weeks ago, and we are now asking that it be concurred in, so that discussion may take place upon it. I may say that the reason we ask for this report to be concurred in is that the matters affecting railway rates are now before the commission, and we wish to have our say with regard to them as soon as possible.

Mr. CAMPBELL. I understand that these recommendations made by the Agriculture Committee are in reference to rates on railways. I think, from the information that was brought before that committee, it was shown that the rates charged by the railways on products carried from one point in Ontario to another point, or from one