

New Brunswick. Another covers that portion of Ontario immediately east of the Manitoba boundary which will be traversed by the National Transcontinental Railway—this is practically finished. Another sheet covers that portion of Quebec from the Island of Orleans to Montreal, and Ontario and Quebec are well advanced.

Mr. TAYLOR. Where are they printed?

Mr. OLIVER. The drawings are made here, and the Toronto Lithographing Company prepare the copperplates and do the printing.

Mr. SPROULE. Have these been distributed to members?

Mr. OLIVER. I am not aware what arrangement has been made for distribution. But I may say that those that are published, if they have not been already distributed to members, will be distributed.

Some resolutions reported.

Mr. FIELDING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPROULE. What business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. It is understood that the Autonomy Bill will be taken up, the clause in relation to the boundaries of the constituencies.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, June 20, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

HALF-BREED SCRIP.

Mr. FOSTER. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the hon. the Minister of the Interior to be kind enough to bring down the instructions sent to Judge Myers, for the holding of an investigation into the half-breed scrip business.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The Order in Council containing the instructions will be brought down at once.

PRINTING BUREAU.

Mr. SPROULE. We have had a good deal of trouble this session with regard to getting out speeches at the Printing Bureau. Not only is there considerable delay, but in many cases it seems impossible to get the speeches printed at all. Nor are the orders given executed in their turn. Frequently, so we are informed those given later are given precedence over those given

Mr. OLIVER.

early, and on this side of the House the impression prevails that hon. members on the government side are given the advantage in this respect. A good while ago an order was sent to the Bureau to publish a speech of mine on the Autonomy Bill, accompanied by a request to state what it would cost. The reply came stating the cost and shortly after I understood the order was given. After waiting for a considerable time for the speech I had inquiry made again, but could not find out whether the order had been received or not. However, it was arranged that the speech should be published according to the prices fixed by the Bureau. After waiting some weeks they sent a speech which was not at all the one ordered, but a mere side speech, not directly on the question at all, and the publication of which would not cost one-quarter that of the other. At the time the order was sent the type was not distributed, but it has since been distributed, and to publish this speech now would require the whole thing to be set up again, and it probably could not be got out before the session is over. I think it is high time that the attention of parliament was drawn to these things. Somebody must be in fault; somebody must be responsible for this careless and unbusinesslike management.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. With whom did my hon. friend correspond?

Mr. SPROULE. With the chief whip's clerk directly to the King's Printer.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I am very much surprised at this charge, because I know Mr. Dawson to be a most careful, painstaking officer.

Mr. SPROULE. I do not think it was the King's Printer himself, but some others under him. All I can say is that, after waiting for weeks, a speech was sent which was not at all the one ordered.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I know Mr. Dawson to be a very painstaking and careful officer, and if his attention be called to the matter he must have some good explanation. Something should be done to prevent a recurrence of such errors.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST.

House in committee on Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

On section 12,—distribution of seats—

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I beg to move that the schedules which were laid on the table some time ago, and which are printed and to be found on page 7 of the last printed Bill, be now adopted. I do not know whether my hon. friends opposite want a