

## MONTREAL WOOLLEN MILLS.

Mr. LENNOX asked:

Has the attention of the government been called to the press announcement that the Montreal Woollen Mills will be compelled to permanently close down by the 1st of April next, owing, as is alleged, to the unsatisfactory condition of Canadian Tariff Laws?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). The government has no information on the subject beyond what has appeared in the press.

## HOLLAND RIVER CANAL.

Mr. LENNOX asked:

1. Who were employed to value the land of the right of way for the canal from Holland river to Newmarket, and were these parties entrusted with any other duties than valuation of lands?

2. What was the remuneration of each of these valuator's?

3. For how long were they employed, and upon what terms?

4. (a) What properties did they value, (b) at what amount or rate in each case, (c) what was the acreage of each property, (d) in how many cases, by names, were the valuations accepted by the owners, (e) in how many cases by names, were the valuations finally rejected by the owners, (f) in what cases were expropriation proceedings resorted to, and (g) with what result as compared with valuator's figures?

5. Have titles to all properties been required?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals). This will be quite a lengthy return. My hon. friend had better let it stand as a notice of motion for a return.

Mr. LENNOX. Will it make any difference in time?

Mr. GRAHAM. No, it will take the same length of time. It will take a great many sheets to contain the information.

Mr. SPEAKER. Stands as a notice of motion for a return.

## LEASE OF LAND TO N. &amp; A. BOURBONNAIS.

Mr. LORTIE—by Mr. Lavergne—asked:

1. Is the place known by the name of Foret, in the parish of St. Ignace or Côteau du Lac, in the county of Soulanges, leased to any person? If so, what is the name of the lessee?

2. For how many years is it leased, and what is the annual rent?

3. Should the tenant desire to surrender his lease, would the government be disposed to grant his request?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals):

1. Yes; to N. and A. Bourbonnais.

2. (a) One parcel of land containing 3 acres, as described in lease, at \$18 per

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annum, during pleasure. (b) Second parcel of land containing 6½ acres, for a term of 21 years, at \$39 per annum.

3. The government would have no objection.

## UNPAID BALANCES IN CHARTERED BANKS.

Mr. S. SHARPE asked:

What is the amount of the dividends, deposits or balances which have remained unpaid for more than five years in the hands of the chartered banks, according to the latest returns required to be furnished to the government by the various banks by section 114, subsection 1, chapter 29, R. S. Canada?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). Dividends, \$3,864.19; deposits or balances, \$556,332.91.

## TIMBER PERMIT ISSUED TO T. A. BURROWS.

Mr. CAMPBELL asked:

1. What sections in townships 30 and 31, range 22, are included in the permit held by Theo. A. Burrows?

2. Are there any more sections granted to him under permit?

3. If so, what is the location and description?

4. What expenditure does the department make annually protecting these holdings from trespass?

5. How many years can these timber lands be held without operation?

6. Has the permit holder the right to absolutely denude these lands of every stick of timber?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior).

1. Township 30, range 22, west 1st meridian—section 5, south half and northwest quarter-section 7, northeast quarter-section 12, section 13, west half-section 15, southeast quarter-section 16, southwest quarter-section 19, east half-section, 23, south half and northeast quarter-section 24, north half and southeast quarter-section 25, north half-section 27, east half-section 28, section 31, southwest quarter-section 32, south half-section 34 and sections 35 and 36.

Township 31, range 22, west 1st meridian—west half of section 9, and north half and southwest quarter of section 31.

2. Yes.

3. Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, and 30, township 30, range 21, west 1st meridian; sections 6, 7, and 18, and the north half of section 19, township 31, range 21; sections 3, 5, 6, 7, northwest quarter 10, west half 15, section 16, east half-section 17, sections 18 and 19, west half section 20, section 21, west half-section 28 and section 30, township 32, range 22; and sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 24 and 35, township 32, range 23.

4. None.