

importation of cattle into Canada from Great Britain and Ireland, fearing the introduction of diseased cattle?

Mr. CARLING. The Government have not decided to prohibit the importation of cattle into Canada from Great Britain and Ireland. The whole subject of restrictive legislation is, however, under consideration.

#### GAZETTING OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell) asked, Whether any member of the Ministry had any conversation, correspondence or communication of any kind, mediate or immediate, with the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, on the subject of gazetting members elected to this House? If so, which member of the Government, and what was the nature of such correspondence, conversation or suggestions?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. If the hon. member will move for correspondence it will be brought down. The Government decline to be cross-examined about their conversations with anybody.

#### ELECTORAL FRANCHISE ACT.

Mr. RINFRET, in the absence of Mr. DE ST. GEORGES, asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for a repeal of the Electoral Franchise Act?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It is not.

#### STATUTES OF CANADA.

Mr. SOMERVILLE asked, Who were the Commissioners appointed to revise and consolidate the Statutes of Canada? Has the compensation to be paid to said Commissioners for such work been fixed; and if so, what is the amount, and have they been paid in full? Has a claim been made on the Government by any of the Commissioners for further compensation? If so, which of them? Has an application been made to the Minister of Justice for a fiat to file a petition of right for the enforcement of such claim? Was such application granted? If not, why?

Mr. THOMPSON. I am sorry that, as to the first part of the question it must stand, as I left behind me the memo. giving the information. No claim for further compensation has been made by any commissioner, and no application for a fiat to file a petition of right.

#### BANK CIRCULATION.

Mr. MITCHELL asked, Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure whereby the bank circulation will be rendered absolutely secure—say by compelling banks to deposit Government bonds against circulation, as in the United States? Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure compelling the banks at all times to keep adequate reserves?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The action proposed could not be done without amendment to the Banking Act. It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any amendment to the Banking Act during the present Session.

#### WEIGHT OF SALT IN BARRELS.

Mr. CAMPBELL (Kent) asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation for regulating the weight of a barrel of salt?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That is under consideration.

#### WHARF AT MATANE.

Mr. FISET asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to repair the wharf at Matane, and more especially the last work executed under the direction of J. C. Taché, Engineer?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I have received a note from the Chief Engineer of my department, who states that there are in the department no information showing that repairs are necessary for that wharf.

#### RIVER RIMOUSKI IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. FISET asked, What is the amount expended for improvements made at River Rimouski in the years 1885 and 1886? Is it the intention of the Government to carry on the said improvements during the coming summer?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The amount expended in 1885 is about \$1,200, in 1886, \$1,000. The question of continuing the works this year is yet undecided.

#### WHARF AT RIVER BLANCHE.

Mr. FISET asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to carry on and complete this next summer the work already commenced at the wharf at River Blanche?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Chief Engineer of my department says that we have no report showing that additional expenses are required for that work.

#### IMPORTATION OF BUTTER SUBSTITUTES.

Mr. FISHER asked, Whether, since last Session of Parliament, the Government have issued any instructions to the officers of the Customs Department by which proper enforcement of the prohibition of the importation of oleomargarine, butterine, and other substitutes for butter may be effected, or has issued any instructions to the officers of the Inland Revenue Department by which the effective enforcement of the Act 49 Victoria, chapter 42, may be accomplished?

Mr. BOWELL. The Customs Department placed the amended law in the hands of all officers of Customs in the usual way, the result of which was that a few samples of what was supposed to be oleomargarine were sent to the Department to be tested. They were given to the Dominion analyst, who pronounced them to be butter. With regard to the Inland Revenue Department, my impression is there was nothing further done than to give general information to the officers to carry out the law, and the result was as I have already indicated.

#### FOG-ALARM AND LIGHTHOUSE, MURR LEDGES.

Mr. GILLMOR asked, Is it the intention of the Government to erect a fog-alarm and lighthouse on some part of the Murr Ledges, near the southern head of Grand Manan, and will an appropriation be made this Session for that purpose?

Mr. FOSTER. Preliminary investigations were last year made, and it is the intention of the Government to erect a fog-alarm and lighthouse on one of the Murr Ledges. Whether the construction will be commenced during the present season or not, is still under consideration by the Department.

#### QUEENS, N.B., ELECTION.

Mr. TROW, in the absence of Mr. MULOCK, asked, Is it the intention of the Government to pay the cost and expense