

work performed for the Finance Department, about the same rate of reduction for the Inland Revenue Department, and about 30 per cent. below for the Post Office Department. Advertisements were not published calling for tenders. A tender was submitted by another company, but was not as favorable as that received by the British American Bank Note Company. It was considered that in consequence of the British American Bank Note Company having done the work for over twenty years, and on a whole in a satisfactory manner, the public interest would be best served by renewing the contract with them at the reduction of prices above mentioned.

#### HONORÉ ROY.

Mr. AMYOT asked, Whether it is true that Honoré Roy, of St. Valier, has been deprived of the situation which he held for several years on board the Government steam vessels? Has this been done after complaints made against his conduct or competency, and what were these complaints? By whom has he been replaced? By whom has his dismissal been required, and whether verbally or in writing?

Mr. FOSTER. One H. Roy—I suppose the same that is mentioned here—has been in the employ of the Government on the steamer *Napoleon* for some years. I find him on the pay-list up to January 26th. From January 1st to the present time his vessel has been laid up, and no sailors have been employed upon her.

#### MR. JEREMIAH TRAVIS.

Mr. WATSON asked, Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Mr. Jeremiah Travis, formerly Stipendiary Magistrate, as one of the Judges of the new Court for the North-West Territories?

Mr. THOMPSON. It is not the intention.

#### COMMERCIAL TREATIES.

Mr. EDGAR asked, Whether the Government has yet obtained the consent of the Imperial Government to lay before this House, the papers or any of them, relating to commercial treaties, in which Canada is interested, which are covered by the terms of the Address passed by this House on 28th January, 1884? And (if such consent has been obtained) when will the papers be brought down?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would like to ask the hon. gentleman to allow that question to stand until to-morrow.

#### M. F. O'DONOGHUE.

Mr. BARRON asked. Has M. F. O'Donoghue, brother of the late W. B. O'Donoghue, been in the service of the Government? If so, in what capacity, and what was his position and salary? When was he first engaged? Is he still in the service of the Government; and if not, when did his employment cease?

Mr. COSTIGAN. M. F. O'Donoghue has been temporarily employed in the Inland Revenue Department—in June and July, and in October, November, December and January last. He was paid in accordance with the Civil Service Act, at the rate of \$400 per annum, for 153 days, making a total sum of \$168.11.

#### WHARVES AT ST. MARY'S BAY, STURGEON BAY AND GREEK RIVER.

Mr. ROBERTSON (King's) asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to repair, during the present season, the wharves at St. Mary's Bay, Sturgeon Bay and Greek River?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Department is not aware that repairs are required during the present season on the wharves at St. Mary's Bay and Sturgeon Bay, as they were repaired last year. The wharf at Greek River has not been taken over from the Local Government.

#### EXPORT OF SPIRITS FROM IMPORTED CORN.

Mr. McMULLEN asked, Whether distillers are permitted to import corn in bond for manufacturing purposes, and export spirits or high wines as the product thereof? If not, what allowance (if any) is made to exporters of spirits manufactured out of imported grain?

Mr. COSTIGAN. Distillers have not the permission to import corn in bond for manufacturing purposes. Under the Inland Revenue Act if they manufacture spirits from imported corn, and export the same, they may claim a refund equal to Customs duties paid on such corn after satisfactory proof that the corn, from which such spirits was manufactured, actually paid the Customs duties.

#### COUNTY COURT OF ELGIN.

Mr. WILSON (Elgin) asked, Has the Government been asked to appoint a junior judge for the county of Elgin; if so, by whom and when? Is it the intention of the Government to make such appointment; if so, when, and who is to be appointed?

Mr. THOMPSON. The Government has been asked to appoint a junior judge for the county of Elgin. The memorial came principally from a number of the members of the bar. It was received a few months ago. The matter is still under the consideration of the Government, and I am, therefore, unable to answer the question further.

#### EXAMINATION UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT.

Mr. CASEY asked, 1. Was any special examination under the Civil Service Act held in the year 1887? 2. If so; when and where, and who conducted it? Why was it held? What was the cost of it? Who applied to be examined? And who passed?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. A special Civil Service promotion examination was held on 1st March last at Ottawa and Halifax, conducted at Ottawa by Mr. LeSueur, one of the members of the Commission, and at Halifax by Mr. Parsons. It was held to fill vacancies in the Post Office Department at Ottawa and an office in the Customs Department at Halifax. The cost of the examination at Halifax was \$15, including the rent of room, and nothing at Ottawa. If the hon. gentleman requires further details, I am ready to bring down the papers, in response to an Order of the House.

Mr. CASEY. Who applied to be examined; and who passed?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. There were a number of applicants; but I am ready to bring down all the papers.

#### INSPECTION OF FLOUR.

Mr. LAURIER asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a measure to amend the law respecting the inspection of flour, in accordance with the recommendation of the Montreal Board of Trade?

Mr. COSTIGAN. The subject is now being considered by the Government.