

of the particular department happened not to be in the House.

THE VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

Mr. MONTAGUE moved for :

Return giving : (a) Names of Dominion veterinary or live stock inspectors appointed by the Government or the Minister of Agriculture since 13th July, 1896, with date of appointment in each case, and names of parties recommending them for appointment.

(b.) The amount of salary or allowance at which each of such has been appointed.

(c.) Copy of instructions issued by the Minister of Agriculture to such inspectors.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I observe that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Montague) asked for the names of parties recommending the appointments. There will be a discussion on that and the hon. gentleman must let the motion stand or amend it.

Mr. MONTAGUE. There will be no discussion so far as I am concerned.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. It is not information which I think we should be called upon to give, and there will undoubtedly be discussion.

Mr. MONTAGUE. In view of what the Minister of Agriculture said last year, I thought he would be glad to give the names.

Mr. SPEAKER. The motion stands.

DISMISSAL OF NAPOLEON ALAIN, POSTMASTER.

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) moved for :

Copies of all Orders in Council, papers, depositions, reports, documents, &c., in relation to the dismissal of Napoléon Alain as postmaster of L'Ancienne-Lorette, and also copies of all instructions given by the department of the Postmaster General or any officers thereof, to the post office inspector in Quebec, or to any other officer thereof in relation to the giving of evidence in an action by the said Napoléon Alain versus one Frederic Belleau for damages.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). The hon. gentleman must understand that if this motion passes at all it cannot be construed as covering confidential communications between the officers of the department.

Mr. FOSTER. That, I think, is always understood.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. That is understood distinctly. I mention it now so that there will be no misunderstanding.

Motion agreed to.

THE YUKON TERRITORY—CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved for :

Copies of all reports to His Excellency the Governor General, minutes of Council, reports, papers and correspondence in any way relating to the navigation of the Yukon or Stikine rivers, or to customs regulations in connection therewith, including the transshipment of cargoes ; also all reports to His Excellency the Governor General, minutes of Council, correspondence and papers touching the customs regulations and fees imposed in connection with Canadian goods passing through St. Michael's, Dyea, Skagway and Wrangell.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I think the hon. gentleman had better let that stand. There are negotiations now pending, and it may be impossible to bring down what he asks for.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Of course, I know that there may be correspondence on that subject that it would not be convenient to bring down ; but the Government will have to exercise their own discretion as to that. We would like to have all the information that can be brought down.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). Perhaps ten days hence the hon. gentleman might get fuller information.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. On that understanding, the motion might go.

Motion agreed to.

DISMISSAL OF JAMES M. AITKEN.

Mr. MACDONALD (King's) moved for :

Copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council and petitions with the names attached thereto, relative to the dismissal of James M. Aitken, sub-collector of customs at the outport of Montague, Prince Edward Island, together with reasons for which he was dismissed ; also copies of all applications for his position and names of parties applying therefor, and by whom recommended ?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). If the hon. gentleman wants to get this passed, the last phrase, after the word "dismissed," ought to be omitted ; otherwise it will have to stand.

Mr. MACDONALD (King's). I am willing to have it amended in that way, if I cannot get the whole information.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS AT MISTASSINI AND ST. METHODE.

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) moved for :

Copies of all instructions, correspondence, &c., in relation to the construction of wharfs at