

W. B. Rowe, expenses, Feb. 9 to
Dec. 31 \$ 54 46
W. B. Rowe, salary one year 250 00

\$304 46

4. During the past year, the sum of \$714.64 was paid in compensation for hogs destroyed on account of hog cholera in the said townships.

BUTT AND LAP WELDED PIPING.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked.

1. What is the duty on butt and lap welded piping and tubing imported into Canada from the United States?

2. What amount of the same was imported last year?

3. Is it the intention of the government to make any change in the duty in the near future on above piping?

4. If so, is it the intention to increase or to decrease the duty?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs).

1. The duty on butt and lap welded tubing from the United States is as follows:—

(a). Two inches or less in diameter 35 per cent ad valorem;

(b). Over two inches in diameter 15 per cent ad valorem;

(c). Not less than 2½ inches in diameter, when imported for mining purposes, free.

2. Dutiable tubing imported from United States for fiscal year ended June 30, 1905 was as follows:—

2 inches or less in diameter ..\$ 69,270

Over 2 inches in diameter . . .473,628

The amount of free tubing for mining purposes is not classified by itself in the statistical returns.

3 and 4. It is not usual for the government to announce intended tariff changes in advance.

RIVER THAMES SURVEY.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

1. Has the River Thames been surveyed from Lake St. Clair to the city of Chatham, with a view of deepening the channel to fifteen feet?

2. When was the said survey made?

3. What was the result of the said survey?

4. Does the government intend to improve the channel of the said river in accordance with the information afforded by said survey?

5. When will the improvement be made?

Hon. CHARLES S. HYMAN (Minister of Public Works):

1. Yes.

2. In September, October and November, 1904.

3. Report is dated 2nd February, 1905, and if mover desires production of same, a copy will be brought down.

THAMES DREDGING.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

1. Is the government aware of the immediate necessity for dredging the channel at the mouth

Mr. FISHER.

of the River Thames, in the province of Ontario?

2. Has the attention of the government been directed to the necessity for this dredging?

3. Is the government aware that the city of Chatham and the adjoining district are suffering very great loss by reason of the filling in of the said channel?

4. Is it the intention of the government to put the said channel in a navigable condition at an early date?

5. If so, when will the work be commenced?

Hon. CHARLES S. HYMAN (Minister of Public Works). 1. Representations have been made and received, and it is the intention of the department to attend to the question of improvements during the next season.

RAW LEAF TOBACCO.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

1. Is it the intention of the government to increase the duty on raw leaf tobacco imported into Canada?

2. What amount of raw leaf tobacco was imported into Canada from the commencement of last year?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs):

1. It is not usual for the government to announce particulars of tariff changes in advance.

2. The amount of unmanufactured tobacco imported into Canada for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1905 was 14,707,457 lbs.

WIRE FENCING.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

1. Is there any inspection by officers of the government of wire fencing imported into Canada?

2. Does such inspection, if any, show quality, grade, &c., of such wire fencing?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs):

1. Customs officers make inspection of wire fencing on importation into Canada, for the purpose of determining its tariff rating and its valuation for duty purposes.

2. The Customs inspection does not relate to quality and grade of fencing, further than to compare the fencing with the descriptions on invoice and appraise the value of the goods and classify same for duty purposes.

HOGS IMPORTED AND SLAUGHTERED FOR EXPORT.

Mr. SPROULE—by Mr. Sam Hughes—asked:

1. What was the number of hogs brought into Canada from the United States to be slaughtered for exportation, during the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905?