

House of Commons Debates

FOURTH SESSION—NINTH PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 1904

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

QUESTIONS.

NAPOLEON BRIDGE OVER LACHINE CANAL.

Mr. RIVET asked :

1. Has the government given instructions to the Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals to inquire into the causes of delay in the construction of the Napoleon bridge over the Lachine canal ?

2. If so, has the deputy minister made a report on the subject ?

3. If so, what is the nature of that report ?

4. Is the government preparing to take the necessary steps to bring about the immediate execution of those works ?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I understand that the Railway Department is attending to this matter, but I cannot give the precise information that my hon. friend asks for to-day.

SITE FOR DRILL HALL AT ST. JOHN.

Mr. DANIEL—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Did the Minister of Militia, or any other member of the government, authorize any officer of the militia, or other person in St. John, N.B., to obtain an option on the Chipman or other site in that city at any time ; the object in view being the location for a new drill hall ?

2. If so, was such option obtained, and what was the price named ?

3. Was an engineer officer sent to St. John, N.B., at any time within the last four years to report on the above-named Chipman site and other sites ?

4. If so, what was his report ?

5. Is it the intention of the government to erect a new drill hall in St. John, N.B. ?

6. If so, when will such construction be commenced, and on what location ?

Hon. Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence) :

1. No, so far as the Minister of Militia is concerned.

2. (a) An option was reported as having been obtained ; (b) The price asked for the whole property is not known to the department, but the sum of \$3,250 was asked for the small lot on which the house stands.

3. Yes.

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4. The chief engineer of the department proceeded to St. John to report on several proposed sites not owned by the government. Of such proposed sites he recommended the Chipman property. He did not report as to whether this site was to be preferred to the present drill shed site.

5. Yes.

6. Matter is under consideration.

MONUMENTS ON PARLIAMENT HILL.

Mr. HACKETT asked :

In view of his important services to the country, in the making of the Dominion, of his great talent and eloquence, and especially of his sterling patriotism, is it the intention of the government to honour the memory of the late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, and through him people of Irish birth and descent in this Dominion, by the erection of a suitable statue to him on Parliament Hill, as has been done in the cases of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Etienne Carter and the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie ?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). It is the intention of the government to erect on Parliament Hill monuments to the great characters in the history of the Dominion, and, of course, Mr. McGee would be included amongst them.

YUKON—EDMONTON ROUTE.

Mr. CLARKE asked :

1. In connection with the rush to the Yukon gold fields in 1897, were any communications received by the government, or any member thereof, in the year named or the following year, advocating the Edmonton route as a means of reaching the Yukon ?

2. If so, from whom were these communications received ?

3. What is the nature of these communications ?

4. What action was taken upon them ?

5. Did the government cause to be published a pamphlet descriptive of the Edmonton route to the Yukon ?

6. Did the government cause a notice to be issued warning people of the dangers of the route in question to inexperienced persons ?

Hon. CLIFFORD SIFTON (Minister of the Interior) :

1. Yes.

2. From the boards of trade of Edmonton, Winnipeg and London ; the legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories ; the