

authorization, has he been dismissed from his position or has he been reprimanded ?

Hon. CHARLES HYMAN :

1. The letter mentioned, as couched in the terms cited, was not sent out by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Its circulation was not authorized by the government nor by any of its members.

2. Mr. Clement is a first-class clerk in the Marine and Fisheries Department and acts as Private Secretary to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

3. Answered by No. 1.

4. Answered by No. 1.

5. Answered by No. 1.

MEMBERS OF COMMONS NAMED AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Mr. CASGRAIN—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

How many members of the House of Commons of Canada have been named to the position of lieutenant governor of any of the provinces of the Dominion since the 1st August, 1896 ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I would ask my hon. friend, so far as this question, and also question four, five and six, are concerned, to move for returns.

YUKON—TREADGOLD CONCESSION.

Mr. CASGRAIN—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Have the commissioners appointed to inquire into the facts concerning the Treadgold concession in the Yukon Territory, and other facts connected therewith, finished their work and made their report ?

2. If so, is it the government's intention to lay the said report, with all the evidence taken by the commissioners, on the table of the House of Commons ?

3. If the said commissioners have not yet completed their work, and have not yet produced their report, what are the reason and cause ?

Hon. CLIFFORD SIFTON (Minister of the Interior) :

1. No.

2 and 3. No report has been received nor has the evidence been transmitted to the government. One of the commissioners met with an accident which resulted in his death. The remaining commissioner reported this fact to the Secretary of State. His communication will receive consideration at the earliest convenient date.

GRAZING LEASES IN ASSINIBOIA AND ALBERTA.

Mr. J. D. REID asked :

1. How many grazing leases have been granted by the Department of the Interior since 1896, in Assiniboia and Alberta, in which the even-numbered sections have been withdrawn from homesteading ?

2. Who are the lessees ?

3. How many acres are included in each lease ?

4. Is it the policy of the department to lease grazing lands at the present time ?

5. If not, does the government intend in the near future to formulate a policy by which ranchers can lease or acquire lands for the purpose of ranching ?

6. When were the last leases or lease granted, and to whom ?

Hon. CLIFFORD SIFTON (Minister of the Interior) :

1. Twelve.

2 and 3 :

Name	Area.
Spencer Bros. . . . .	69,120 acres.
W. E. Wilson. . . . .	5,000 "
Brown Rancho Co. . . . .	17,000 "
A. T. Mackie. . . . .	30,325 "
C. E. Hall. . . . .	60,000 "
J. W. Taylor. . . . .	60,818 "
A. T. Mackie . . . . .	42,280 "
A. Hitchcock. . . . .	47,218 "
J. D. McGregor. . . . .	45,900 "
Burton & Starks. . . . .	6,398 "
L. A. Pope. . . . .	37,200 "
H. P. Brown. . . . .	60,381 "

4. No.

5. The matter is now under consideration. The subject is one of great difficulty, but it is hoped that an early conclusion will be reached.

6. The last two leases issued were granted to Mr. L. A. Pope by Order in Council, dated 21st April, 1902, and to Mr. H. P. Brown by Order in Council, dated 23rd March, 1903.

COAL-MEASURES OWNED BY GOVERNMENT.

Mr. JABEL ROBINSON asked :

1. What is the extent of the area of the coal-measures owned by the government of the Dominion of Canada ?

2. Where are the above-mentioned coal-measures located ?

3. Is it known whether coal exists near the route of the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway ?

4. If so, will all the coal be reserved by the government in the interests of the people ? If not, what proportion ?

Hon. CLIFFORD SIFTON (Minister of the Interior). I can only give the hon. gentleman (Mr. Jabel Robinson) a general answer to his question. I have had a short memorandum prepared by the Director of the Geological Survey, which I will read :

The area of coal-bearing rocks within the Dominion of Canada is very great, perhaps as great as that of any other country in the world. The largest portion of this area is in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. In these regions, it has not been possible as yet to define the boundaries of the different coal districts with precision. This has been due to their vast extent, the small number of geologists who have been employed upon the work and the comparatively short length of time that these regions have been under the control of the government of Canada.

The coals occur principally in the cretaceous and tertiary rocks, which extend from southern Manitoba westward to the Rocky Mountains and northerly through the region along the east side