

about 1892. Their contract was cancelled. They had \$18,000 worth of plant there, they had a deposit as security for the carrying out of the contract and there was a large drawback at the time the contract was cancelled. I do not want to take up the time of the House, but their claim is certainly an equitable one, entitled to the consideration of the government, and I think it will be due to them to give the claim an equitable settlement.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I do not understand what my hon. friend (Mr. Monk) means by an equitable settlement. Does he advise the payment of the claim?

Mr. MONK. I think they are entitled to a certain sum of money and they should get it.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON. (Minister of Railways and Canals). The claim of Messrs. O'Brien is receiving consideration, and as far as I have looked into the matter it certainly presents very strong merits. The matter is now being considered and perhaps a decision will be reached at an early stage.

SOUTH WATERLOO VOTERS' LISTS.

Mr. G. A. CLARE. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to ask the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) a question regarding the voters' list of South Waterloo. To make my statement clear I may say that the right hon. Prime Minister, in reply to my hon. friend from Peel (Mr. Blain) a few days ago gave a list of voters' lists which had been printed, and amongst those were the lists for South Waterloo. Two or three days after I wrote to the King's Printer, asking if I could get the lists for South Waterloo, and he replied that:

The lists are not ready for distribution, but as soon as they are printed copies will be sent to you.

There must be some misunderstanding, because if they are printed I should be able to get them.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER. There is a misunderstanding, because my informa-

Mr. MONK.

tion comes from exactly the source from which the information of my hon. friend (Mr. Clare) comes; that is from the King's Printer. I will inquire again about it.

QUESTIONS.

PAINTING BRIDGE AT DUNNVILLE.

Mr. LANCASTER asked:

1. What sum of money has been paid during the years 1903 and 1904 for painting the bridge over the Grand river at Dunnville?
2. To whom was such money paid, and at what dates?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals).

1. There was nothing paid in the year 1903 for painting the bridge over the Grand river at Dunnville, but the sum of \$182.75 was paid in the year 1904, the work having been commenced in the fall of 1903 and finished in April, 1904.
2. The money was paid to Messrs. Congdon & Marshall, of Dunnville. On the 24th of May, 1904.

TOBACCO CULTURE.

Mr. MONK asked:

1. Is there a government experimental station for the culture of tobacco at St. Jacques de l'Achigan, in the county of Montcalm?
2. Who is in charge of this experimental station?
3. What was the cost of said experimental station in the years 1902 and 1903, respectively?
4. Has the government received reports from said experimental station for the year 1902 and the year 1903?
5. What experiments have been made by the government at said station during the past two years?
6. Is said experimental station in existence at present?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Not at present. During the years 1899, 1900 and 1901, by direction of the government, experimental and demonstrative work in culture and handling of tobacco was carried on by Mr. Louis V. Labelle, on his property at St. Jacques de l'Achigan,