

1897, because the outport of Orwell was abolished by Order in Council dated December, 1896, and it was reported to the department that there was more necessity for an officer at Vernon River Bridge than at Orwell. The salary voted for the officer at Orwell became available for the new man at Vernon River Bridge.

DISMISSAL OF DUNCAN CRAWFORD, POSTMASTER, WOOD ISLAND.

Mr. MARTIN asked :

Was Mr. Duncan Crawford, late postmaster, Wood Island North, in Prince Edward Island, dismissed for political reasons? Were any charges preferred against him? What was their nature? Did he get an opportunity to defend himself? Was his case inquired into by the investigating commissioner now travelling over that province? If not, why not? What was the salary attached to the office?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). Duncan Crawford, the postmaster at Wood Island, was relieved of his office because he was an active political partisan. The evidence being regarded as conclusive, no formal investigation was necessary. The salary is thirty-two dollars a year.

SALARIES OF POSTMASTERS.

Mr. MARTIN asked :

Does the Postmaster General propose to increase the salaries of postmasters in sections where a daily service has been substituted for a weekly or bi-weekly service? Has a uniform scale of increase been agreed upon? On what basis are increases made? Have applications to be made for increase of salary?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). The salaries of postmasters, with the exception of those at city post offices, are based upon a scale of percentages in proportion to the revenue. This scale has been in force for many years, and no change in the rate is contemplated.

PHYSICIAN TO WALPOLE ISLAND INDIANS.

Mr. CLANCY asked :

When was Dr. George Mitchell, of the town of Wallaceburg, appointed physician to the Indians of Walpole Island? Was he appointed by Order in Council? Has the said Dr. George Mitchell been dismissed? If so, has his successor been appointed? What is his name, and the amount of his salary?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). 1. On the 8th May, 1891. 2. He was not appointed by Order in Council. 3. He has been dismissed. 4. His successor has been appointed. 5. His name is Dr. W. W. Hay, of Wallaceburg, Ont., and his salary is \$500 per annum.

INDIAN AGENT JOHN McIVER.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). In further reference to the question
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asked by Mr. McNeill respecting Mr. John McIver, Indian Agent, the other day, I may say that the names of the agent's sureties are the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Christina McIver, Donald Randolph McIver and John McIver.

INDIAN AGENT CROWE.

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). I also desire to answer a question asked the other day, the answer to which has been temporarily mislaid. Mr. McNeill asked :

1. What are the irregularities in connection with the duties of his office of which Mr. Crowe, late Indian agent on the Saugeen Reserve, has been adjudged guilty, and which in the opinion of the Government rendered him unfit for the position he held?

2. Was Mr. Inspector Macrea instructed to inquire into charges of this nature, or were his instructions to inquire into political charges preferred against Mr. Crowe?

3. Has Mr. Crowe been asked if he has a defence to these charges?

My answer is as follows: 1. The irregularities in connection with the duties of his office of which Mr. Crowe, late Indian agent on the Saugeen Reserve, has been adjudged guilty, and which in the opinion of the Government rendered him unfit for the position which he held, consisted in allowing Indians to cut bark without the authority of the Department and to dispose of it without the payment of dues. 2. Inspector Macrae's instructions required him to investigate the matter in regard to which Mr. Crowe has been adjudged guilty of irregularity. 3. Mr. Crowe had every opportunity of offering defence at the investigation held under oath by Mr. Macrae and he has consequently not been asked if he has any further defence.

STATION-MASTER AT POINT TUPPER.

Mr. GILLIES asked :

1. Who is station-master at the present time, upon the Intercolonial Railway, at Point Tupper, Cape Breton?

2. When was the present station-master appointed?

3. Upon whose recommendation was he appointed?

4. For what length of time was Mr. Fitzlay Macdonald station-master at Point Tupper?

5. Was Mr. Macdonald dismissed from this position?

6. When was he dismissed?

7. For what reason, and at whose request was he dismissed?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). 1. No permanent appointment of station-master has been made. T. P. Moffatt is acting station-master. 2. Acting station-master was appointed in February last. 4. From January, 1891, until