

will be brought down. My hon. friend (Mr. Ellis), I am sure, will admit that it is not possible to give any details so long as the matter is open.

MR. W. C. CHISHOLM.

Mr. GILLIES asked :

When and why was Mr. W. C. Chisholm removed from the office of Indian agent at Heather-ton, Nova Scotia? Who was appointed to succeed him, and by whom was his successor recommended?

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier). I have not under my hand the precise answer which I would like to give my hon. friend; I shall be obliged to give it from memory. Mr. W. C. Chisholm was removed in November last, or thereabouts. One Macdonald was appointed in his place.

PACIFIC-YUKON ROUTE.

Mr. PRIOR asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to prosecute surveys this year for the purpose of finding out the best route from the Pacific Ocean into the Yukon country, so that Canadian merchants may be able to obtain the trade of that country?

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier). It is the intention of the Government to prosecute surveys for the purpose stated in the question.

SMUGGLING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. PRIOR asked :

Are the Government aware that large quantities of goods are at present being smuggled into the Yukon country on which duty might be collected if customs officers were appointed at certain points?

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier). The Government is aware that goods are smuggled into the Yukon country, but the Government is not yet aware what will be the best method of stopping the evil. That question is undergoing investigation.

Mr. PRIOR asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to at once place a fast steamer in British Columbian waters to put a stop to the smuggling now carried on from the American side, and also to stop the poaching by American vessels in our deep sea fisheries?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Mr. Davies). The question of my hon. friend infringes rather flagrantly upon the rules which prohibit statements of fact from being made in questions. I do not admit the truth of the alleged facts that the hon. gentleman has imported into his question. I may say to the hon. gentleman that last autumn the steamer "Quadra" was detailed to go into the Hecate Straits, with instructions to ascertain whether smuggling or poaching was being carried on there; and the official report the depart-

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ment received from the commander of the ship, does not justify me in believing that the rumours to that effect were true. But I may say to my hon. friend that the Government has appointed a special agent from the Marine Department and the Customs Department jointly, as an officer who will be carried by the "Quadra" to those northern coasts, and whose instructions will be to make a special investigation into this alleged smuggling and poaching.

Mr. **SPEAKER**. I must beg hon. members to observe the rule which prohibits them from making statements of fact in questions, or statements that may be open to dispute. I hope hon. members will avoid that in future.

MARINE LIGHTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. PRIOR asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to place lights on Fiddle Reef and Brochie's Ledge this year?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Mr. Davies). It is the intention to place a light on Brochie's Ledge this year, and I think on Fiddle Reef. I am not sure at the moment whether I correctly remember the name of that reef, but it is the intention to place a light on Brochie's Ledge.

WRECK OF THE "SAN PEDRO."

Mr. PRIOR asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to cause the wreck of the "San Pedro" to be removed at once? What is the cause of the delay in removing the vessel?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Mr. Davies). It is the intention of the Government to cause the wreck of the "San Pedro" to be removed. It may be necessary to pass a small Act through Parliament, and one was prepared by my predecessor in office, to justify the Government in removing that wreck.

Mr. PRIOR. What is the cause of the delay.

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES**. I do not know what the hon. gentleman means by delay in the matter. The department have given instructions to notify the owners of the vessel of their intention to remove it at once, and I assume it will be done as soon as possible.

USE OF FISH TRAPS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. PRIOR asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to allow British Columbia fishermen to use fish traps in Canadian waters where American fishermen are using traps in waters contiguous thereto?