

3. What has been paid up to date by the government to the Marconi Company, and expended in stations?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries):

1. The Montreal 'Gazette,' Montreal 'Star,' New York 'Times,' and many other papers of which the names are not given.

2. The government is not aware of any such contract.

3. Constructing and operating—

1903-94..	\$10,414 20
1904-05..	33,195 63
1905-06..	86,777 90
1906-07..	49,416 67
1907-08..	33,191 96

\$212,996 36

FERRY WHARF, CHAPEL POINT, LENNOX ISLAND.

Mr. LEFURGÉY asked:

1. Were tenders called for the construction of a ferry wharf at Chapel Point, Lennox Island? If so, when, and if on more than one occasion, state dates, and also state if advertisements for tenders differed and how?

2. Was any vote passed for the construction? If so, when, and for what sum?

3. Did the government make any survey for an approach on the Port Hill side, and at what point?

4. Were tenders called for such an approach, and at what point?

5. Is said approach to serve the purpose of loading vessels of light draft of water as well as a ferry slip?

6. Was any recommendation made by the government that the approach on the Port Hill site should be constructed at the end of the Port Hill road, as being more feasible and of better service to the public, and what decision has the government come to on this point?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. Tenders were called for the construction of a ferry scow and for landing places on Lennox island, and on the shore opposite. The advertisement was inserted without change three times in weekly paper in July, 1907.

2. Yes. Supplementary estimates, 1907-08. \$800.

3. No.

4. Answered by No. 1.

5. The landing places are intended for the use of the ferry scow only.

6. No.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION—DECISION OF SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. MACPHERSON asked:

1. Has the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, that it is not an offence for a Chinaman to enter Canada, and that the most the government can do is to sue them for the head tax of \$500, been brought to the attention of the government?

2. Was it the intention of the government to make it a criminal act when the legislation was passed that the Chinamen trying to evade the law would come under the Criminal Code?

3. Is it the intention of the government to amend the law so that there can be no question as to the intention of parliament, and that it will be a criminal offence to attempt to evade the Act?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I have to inform my hon. friend (Mr. Macpherson) that no official record has yet been received of the decision referred to; and, until it is received, it would not be advisable to consider whether or not the operation of the existing law would be affected.

THE FRANCO-CANADIAN TRADE TREATY.

Mr. DANIEL asked:

How many and what nations will share in the rates of duty accorded to France by the new treaty, under the favoured nation clause?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). That information was given to the House at a previous session, and, I think, was substantially correct. Nevertheless I prefer not to give a list of the countries at this moment because it is desirable we should have from the imperial authorities a definite statement of their views in the matter. But, when we come to deal with the French treaty, we will give the information in more definite form. I think it is not wise that I should commit myself to any particular list of the countries at the present moment.

INSPECTION OF CANNED FOODS AND MEATS.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

What counties at present in the Dominion are under inspection, reinspection of canned foods and meats, and carrying out the regulations attached to above Act?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture). The provisions of the Meat and Canned Foods Act, and the regulations made thereunder, apply to all the counties of the Dominion.

PAYMENTS TO IMMIGRATION OFFICERS.

Mr. CLEMENTS asked:

How much money has been paid to date to James Waugh, of Chatham, and to James Perrin, who were appointed as local immigration officers for placing immigrants in Kent county, Ontario?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). James Waugh, \$1,256; James Perrin, nil. This name is probably intended for James Pirie who has been paid \$272.

PEAT FOR FUEL.

Mr. A. MARTIN asked:

Has the government taken any steps to ascertain (a) the quantity of peat available