

Mr. POPE. Mr. Pringle has been employed by the Government as agent for collecting exhibits for the Antwerp Exhibition, for a very short time past, and for a very limited time. When he is at work his pay is \$5 a day, with \$3 for expenses.

Mr. CASEY. For how long?

Mr. POPE. I cannot say, but for a very short time, and not continually.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Does he collect electoral exhibits?

Mr. POPE. Of course, I am bound to answer the hon. gentleman's question. If he does, they will be consulted.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—CONSTRUCTION TO INDIAN TOWN.

Mr. WELDON asked, What amount has been paid on account of construction of the Intercolonial Railway to Indian Town? What was the cost of survey, and does such cost include costs of surveys prior to 1884?

Mr. POPE. The hon. gentleman will have to make a motion for the papers.

IMPORTATION OF BEET-ROOT SUGAR.

Mr. VAIL asked, Has an Order in Council been passed recently permitting the importation of beet-root sugar from Europe on payment of duty on cost less the drawback, and how much is the drawback per hundred pounds?

Mr. BOWELL. Such an order as that referred to has been passed so far as it affects raw sugar. The hon. gentleman has not asked from what country the drawback is paid, and, of course, it is impossible for me to tell him.

Mr. VAIL. From Europe?

Mr. BOWELL. Europe is a very large area, and the question is too indefinite; if the hon. gentleman means Germany, the drawback is a fraction over 2 cents per pound.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY—TANGENTS AND CURVES.

Mr. BLAKE asked, What is the number and what the aggregate length,—(1) Of the tangents of the Canadian Pacific Railway? (2) Of the curves with the average curvature?

Mr. POPE. The number of tangents is 4,739, with an aggregate length of 1,620 miles. The number of curves is 4,945, with an aggregate length of 900 miles. The hon. gentleman will see that they do not agree with each other, and the difference is owing to the fact that there are two separate compound curves.

Mr. BLAKE. What is the average curvature?

Mr. POPE. Four degrees. I may say to the hon. gentleman that I will bring him down the rest of the information to-morrow.

Mr. BLAKE. Let the question stand.

THE DUTY ON FLOUR.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, Is it the intention of the Government to increase the duty on flour this Session?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It has been the custom of the Government not to make known their policy with reference to changes in the tariff until they submit them by resolution to Parliament, and they see no reason to change their course on this occasion.

Mr. CASEY.

MR. J. W. TRUTCH.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, Is Mr. J. W. Trutch the Government's confidential agent in British Columbia? If so, how long has he acted in that capacity and what is his yearly allowance as such? Is he employed as inspector of the Canadian Pacific Railway on behalf of the Government? If so, how long and what is his yearly salary for such service? Does he receive a yearly amount from having once formed part of the Government of British Columbia? If so, what amount? What amount does he receive from Government for travelling expenses for himself and also for the parties who accompany him in his travels?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I am afraid I must ask the hon. gentleman to give notice of this matter. It is such a long question that I think it would require a long return.

Mr. LANDERKIN. This is the second notice I have given of it.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. This is a question. I think the hon. gentleman will have to give a notice of motion.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—EARNINGS AND WORKING EXPENSES.

Mr. BLAKE asked, What were the earnings and working expenses of the Intercolonial Railway for February last?

Mr. POPE. The earnings of the road were \$147,294; the working expenses \$159,000. The accounts were not fully and finally adjusted at the time these figures were prepared; but I have given the amount as nearly as I could obtain them.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—POSTAL DELAYS.

Mr. WELDON. I desire to call the attention of the Acting Minister of Railways to the great delay that has occurred on the Intercolonial Railway. We had no mail for some days until last evening, when we received four mails. The mail due to-day has not however arrived.

Mr. POPE. I am informed that a mail came in this morning.

Mr. WELDON. That mail brought the mails for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday; but to-day's mail is not on hand.

Mr. POPE. We have had very severe storms indeed on the road. Every possible exertion has been made to have the mails carried through promptly, and no time has been lost.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY—LAND GRANT.

Mr. BLAKE. I desire to renew the following question: How many acres of their land grant have been finally accepted and taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company within the Canadian Pacific Railway belt,—1. Between the first and second principal meridians; 2. Between the second and third; 3. Between the third and fourth; 4. Between the fourth and fifth; and also 5. In southern Manitoba outside the railway belt; and 6. Elsewhere outside the railway belt?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I asked that a return be prepared. I have been told that I will receive it to-day; and if so I will lay it on the Table.

THE DISTURBANCE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mr. BLAKE. Before the Government Notices of Motion are called, I wish to ask the Government to give the House