

7. On what recommendation were these officers appointed?

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

1. Yes. In November last.
2. 'Nettie B.'
3. Yes, but in view of the conflicting statements made, the department is having an inquiry under oath.
4. Impossible, in view of those conflicting statements made as to the direct cause of the accident.
5. The chief officer.
6. Chief and 3rd engineers.
7. The chief officer holds an extra master's board of trade certificate, the best certificate that can possibly be obtained. The chief engineer holds a chief's certificate.

#### PACIFIC COAST WIRELESS TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

Mr. M. S. McCarthy asked :

1. Has the government, since last session, entered into any arrangement for the erection and equipment of wireless telegraph stations on the Pacific coast?
2. If so, what system is to be or has been installed, how many stations are to be established, and what is the price to be paid?

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

1. Yes.
2. Five stations. Cost cannot yet be ascertained as stations not completed.

#### COMPENSATION PAID BY RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY asked :

1. Has the Russian government paid to the owners of the British Columbia schooners 'Carmolite' and 'Vancouver Belle' the sum of \$44,701, the amount agreed upon for damages for wrongful seizure?
2. Have the claims of the owners of the schooners 'Maria' and 'Rosie Olsen,' which were seized at the same time as the 'Carmolite' and 'Vancouver Belle' been recognized by the Russian government? If so, what is the amount to be paid to the owners of these vessels? If not, on what grounds does the Russian government refuse to pay these claims?

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

1. The government has just been informed that the award, with interest, totalling £16,962.58 or \$82,549.77, has been paid to the High Commissioner for Canada through the Colonial Office, as the amount awarded by Russia in respect of outstanding claims.
2. No. On the ground that the evidence was sufficient to warrant the seizure of these vessels.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA LIFE-BOATS.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY asked :

1. Has the government recently purchased a motor boat in the United States for life saving purposes in British Columbia waters?
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2. Is the government aware that there are several establishments in Canada which manufacture motor boats?

3. What was the price paid for the vessel to be used in British Columbia?

4. Were Canadian motor boat builders given an opportunity for tendering for the construction of this vessel? If not, why not?

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

1. Yes.
2. Yes, and many Canadian establishments have turned out excellent work, but it was impracticable to employ them in this instance because it was necessary to have the boat built by a firm having experience with this special type of construction. The department consulted the United States life saving service and entrusted the work to the firm that has been almost exclusively employed by that service and at the price paid by that service.
3. \$10,900.
4. No. Because the boat was built from designs furnished by the United States life saving service, embodying all improvements in the type of self righting and self bailing life-boat suggested by the long experience and under the supervision of the constructive officer of that service, and only by giving the order to the Electric Launch Company of Bayonne, N.J., could the boat have been secured for use this winter. The boat is built of solid mahogany by men specially brought from England trained in that special lifeboat work. It would have been impossible to have secured either men or materials in time in Canada. The government, however, favours the policy of doing such work as far as possible in Canada, and if any further motor lifeboats are required, will, if practicable, have them built in Canada.

#### QUEBEC COLONIZATION SOCIETIES.

Mr. PAQUET asked :

1. What amount of money has been paid by the Federal government, since January 1, 1900, to the Colonization and Repatriation Society of Montreal?
2. What amount of money has been paid by the Federal government, since January 1, 1900, to the Colonization and Repatriation Societies of Lake St. John and of Quebec?
3. What amount of money has been paid by the Federal government, since January 1, 1900, to the Lake St. John Railway Company for the encouragement of repatriation.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) :

1. \$25,300.
2. \$22,000.
3. \$54,000.

#### CANADIANS RETURNED FROM UNITED STATES.

Mr. PAQUET asked :

What is the number of the Canadians that have returned from the United States since October 30, 1906?