

he contribute to the superannuation fund ? 5. If so, how long has he been superannuated ? 6. If not, is it the intention of the Government to grant him a superannuation allowance ?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. Mr. Harnedy was employed as a messenger in the Post Office, Ottawa, from 28th December, 1870, to the 15th April, 1875, and as a temporary messenger in the inside service from the 4th September, 1876, to 20th November, 1879. He was appointed a packer in the inside service on 1st July, 1883. 2. No. 3. He was dismissed. 4. He has not been superannuated. 6. It is not the intention of the Government to grant him any superannuation allowance.

### CRIMINAL CODE.

Mr. BELLEY (for Mr. Leclair) asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to furnish members of the House with a copy of the Criminal Code, in addition to the statutes ?

Mr. COSTIGAN. It is the intention of the Government to do so.

### U. S. CATTLE QUARANTINE.

Mr. ROWAND asked, What effect will the quarantine regulation lately adopted by the American Government against Canadian cattle have on sending cattle in bond to Boston or other American seaports for shipment to the British market ?

Mr. FOSTER. The United States quarantine regulation, as published in the newspapers (the Government has not officially received any copy), would not admit of Canadian neat cattle crossing the frontier except for quarantine at the point of Buffalo. Canadian cattle, therefore, could not be sent in bond to Boston or other American seaports for shipment, unless a transit arrangement be made, similar to that under which American cattle pass from west to east through Ontario, from one United States port to another.

### CATCHING OF SOFT FISH.

Mr. CHOQUETTE (for Mr. Bruneau) asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to prohibit, this year again, in the province of Quebec, the catching of fish commonly known as "soft fish," up to the 1st July inclusively, as was done last year ?

Mr. COSTIGAN. The instructions given this year to fishery officers in the province of Quebec as regards fishing for soft fish (poisson mou) during the close season for other fish, are the same as those given last year, which is to prohibit the catching of "soft fish" this year until the close season is over.

Mr. LANDERKIN.

### WHALE FISHERY IN THE GULF.

Mr. FAUVEL asked, Is it the intention of the Government to grant a bounty for the encouragement of the whale fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence ?

Mr. COSTIGAN. It is not the intention of the Government to recommend to Parliament the granting of a bounty for the encouragement of the whale fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence at present.

### MR. W. H. WHITELY.

Mr. JONCAS asked, Whether the Government are aware that Mr. W. H. Whitely, the officer intrusted with the protection of Canadian fishermen and Canadian fisheries, is the agent of a large Newfoundland house also engaged in the Labrador fisheries ; and that Mr. W. H. Whitely is himself at the head of a large fishery concern ?

Mr. COSTIGAN. The department is aware of these facts, but as stated in a previous answer on this subject, no action is to be taken, pending a report from the proper officer.

### CUSTOMS COLLECTOR AT CENTREVILLE, N.B.

Mr. COLTER asked, Is the Customs Department aware that the collector at Centreville, N.B., exacts a fee of 10 cents on every team load of goods or produce hauled across the International frontier and reported at Centreville for transit to Vanceboro', and is the collection of such fees made with the sanction of the department ? If so, by what law or authority ? 2. What is the amount of such fees collected by such collector the past financial year ? 3. Are any such fees exacted at any other Customs port or place in Canada ? 4. Has the form of report to be made to the collector at Centreville, by the persons in charge of the several teams or carriages hauling goods therefrom across the frontier for transit to Vanceboro', been approved of by the Department of Customs ?

Mr. WALLACE. 1. The Customs Department is not aware of the exaction of any fee by the officer of Customs at Centreville, N.B., which is a sub-port of the port of Woodstock, N.B. No officer of Customs is authorized by the department to exact any fee, even for the preparation of Customs' entries for importers, if they ask him to do so,—as it is not the duty of an officer to prepare importers' papers. Whenever the exaction of any such fee has been brought before the attention of the department, the officer concerned has been promptly advised that he is forbidden to make such charge, and that the importers should be required to prepare their own papers, or pay some broker for such service. 2. The department has no return of any fees having been collected by the officer at Centreville, N.B. 3. The answer