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NOTICE OF QUESTION.

Sir M. P. Cashin.-I give notice Prime Minister, in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs (a) if any person imported by the s.s. Canadian Miner in July last, six motor cars from the General Motor Supply Company and what person or firm imported the same; (b) if their removal from the possession of the Customs Department was seured on a temporary permit; (c) if he same was signed by the Hon. Miner of Finance and Customs and if not by whom; (d) if the duty on the same has since been paid and if not why not; (e) what is the amount of the duty altogether, and (f) what steps do the Government propose to take to secure the payment of the

That I will ask the Hon. Prime Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to ay on the table of the House a statement showing the details of the sum of over soventy-seven thousand dollars as shown in The Auditor General's statement as having been made for the purchase of salt; which purchase the Minister of Shipping yesterday stated had been made through the Fisheries Department; and to show (a) how the Treasury lost sixteen thousand thereon; (b) what the sum of over four thousand four hundred dollars to Messrs. Job Bros. & Co. represented; (c) what is the firm which owes sixty-one thousand dollars to the Colony for salt; (d) what steps are being taken to secure the payment of this amount; and (e) to Orders-in-Council and other documents in relation thereto.

That I will ask the Hon. the Prime Minister if his attention has been called to a publication in New York newspapers, copied into the local papers a few days ago, purporting to be an interview by Mr. John M. Devine, Newfoundland. Trade Commissioner, in that city, and to describe an alleged "four million dollar corporation" to be formed for the purpose of handling fresh fish from Newfoundland, and to say if the Government has any knowledge of this matter, if the Colony is in any way involved by way of guarantee or otherwise, and if so to what extent, and to lay on the table copies of all papers and documents in relation to the same.

That I will ask the Hon. the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Hon. Minister of Finance and Customs if (a) any parties are permitted to take delivery of goods imported into this Colony without paying duty by obtaining what are known as "Temporary Permits" from the Customs for goods imported and on which duty has not been paid; (b) to lay on the table of the House a statement showing (1) the quality, (2) the quantity, (3) value. (4) the loss to the revenue. (5) how many such permits were outstanding up to the 31st of March of his year, (6) if the practice of obtaining these temporary permits, originally intended as a convenience in emergencies, is latterly being abused by various parties who, by the use of these permits, are able to obtain and sell goods and leave the Custom House for weeks and months without the duty that should have been paid thereon, if the Government intends to take steps to prevent this abuse continuing, and to table a statement showing the number, value, and duty involved of the temporary permits issued for (a) the calendar year 1919; (b) the calendar year 1920, and (c) the three months January-March,

Capt. Lewis.-I give notice that I will on to-morrow ask the Minister of Public Works to lay on the table of the House a copy of the Minute of Council forwarded to his department appointing the Commissioners who expended the money for snow shovelling in the District of Harbor Main during the months of February and March, 1921.

Mr. Bennett.—I give notice that I will on to-morrow ask the Hon. the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Hon, the Minister of Finance and Customs, to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the distribution of the sum of \$400,000 paid from the Surplus Trust Fund to the account of the Minister of Militia or his department during 1919-20, and to lay on the table of the House copy of all correspondence or other documents

That I will on to-morrow ask the nister of Public Works for a deailed statement of all monies allocated for main line, local roads and ial grants to the District of Bay le Verde by his Department from anuary 1st, 1920 to date; also copy of the original returns received by

Mr. Walsh-I give notice that will on to-morrow ask the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a statement, showing (a) the total amount of money expended by the Commissioner of Public Charities or by any other department of the Government under the head of emergency poor relief for the six months ending March 31, 1921; (b) the amount spent in each electoral district; (c) giving the name and address of the several relieving officers, howing the amount distributed by each officer or agent.



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