

3. The value of the importations into the Yukon territory during the calendar years from 1906 to 1909, inclusive, was as follows, under tariff item 461a:

1906..	
1907..	119,674
1908..	16,850
1909..	47,380

Total.. \$183,904

PETROLEUM LOCATIONS ON THE ATHABASKA RIVER.

Mr. McCARTHY:

1. What petroleum locations have been made on the Athabaska river between Athabaska Landing and the Athabaska lake to date?

2. How many of these locations have been proved up by the discovery of oil, what licenses have been granted to date, and upon whose reports were these licenses granted?

3. When were these reports made, and in what way would an intending locator get possession of copies of them in order to obtain information with regard to the resources of the country already proven?

4. What regulations, if any, are in force for the location of tar-sand?

5. What applications has the department for extensions of time in which to carry out the exploratory duties on petroleum or tar-sand locations in that district?

6. Is the department making any effort to prove the existence or extent of petroleum, tar-sand, gas, salt or asphalt in this district?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER:

1. In all some 280 applications have been received and dealt with for the reservation of petroleum locations on both sides of the Athabaska river, from a point about three (3) miles above the mouth of Horse creek to the mouth of Tar river. All of these applications with the exception of fourteen (14) have elapsed.

2. Six. No licenses have been granted, as the regulations only provide for sale, and no sales have been made. Reports were made by S. T. Blackwell, Alfred Von Hammerstein, Robert Volkoffsky, William Dwyer and F. B. Smith.

3. During the year 1909. These reports refer only to the particular location in respect of which the same were made. They can be made public on motion for a return.

4. No such regulations are in force.

5. W. A. Campbell applied for extension of time on petroleum location, claiming to have machinery on the ground.

6. Not at present.

Note.—The tar-sands were mentioned in the report of the Geological Survey for 1873-4 (page 22), and described in the report for 1875-6 (page 92). They were investigated by Bell in 1882 (Annual Report Geological Survey, 1882-4, part CC), and by McConnell in 1888 (Annual Report, volume V., part D).

McConnell estimates the tar-sands to cover at least 1,000 square miles, and to contain 28.4 cubic miles of material having a bitumen content of 6.5 cubic miles. From 1894 to 1900 the Geological Survey spent \$33,501.24 in experimental boring in Alberta, and since that date have spent \$11,500 in assisting in that work. It may now be left to private enterprise to prospect and develop these resources.

GOVERNMENT LANDS AT ST. JOHNS.

Mr. HUGHES:

1. How many acres of land are owned by the government of Canada at St. Johns, Quebec?

2. Are these all in military use, and what troops are now there?

3. Is it proposed to sell these lands?

4. What buildings are thereon?

5. To whom are the properties to be sold, and were public tenders asked for?

6. If not sold, before being sold, will public tenders be called for, or will the sale be by public auction or by private sale?

Mr. PUGSLEY:

1. 99 acres.

2. (a) No; they are not all in military use; (b) the following troops are stationed at St. Jean, province of Quebec: 'A' Squadron Royal Canadian Dragoons, 90; No. 4 Detachment Permanent Army Medical Corps, 6; total number of officers, non-commissioned officers and men, 96.

3. No.

4. St. Johns barracks, including:

	Buildings.
Men's quarters..	2
Officers' quarters..	1
Married quarters..	1
Hospital..	1
Guard room..	1
Drill hall..	1
New stable..	1
Engineer shops..	1
Sheds..	2
Fairbank's scales..	1
Old drill hall..	1
Oil store..	1
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	14

5 and 6. Answered by No 3.

MOTIONS AGREED TO WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

Copy of all papers and instructions given to A. S. Williams, law clerk of the Department of Indian Affairs, and to S. Swinford, inspector of Indians, Winnipeg, in connection with their work among the St. Peter's Indians in Manitoba; also a copy of the report of these gentlemen in connection with the work they have been engaged in during the last few weeks among the St. Peter's Indians.—Mr. Bradbury.

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