

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). I would ask my hon. friend (Mr. Davin) to move for these papers; they are very bulky.

Mr. DAVIN. The hon. Premier is quite mistaken. These papers are already distributed. I am in possession of the papers, and I only ask the question so that it may be laid upon the Table for the information of members.

The PRIME MINISTER. I will look into the matter again.

#### POSTMASTER, ALLANDALE, N.B.

Mr. FOSTER asked :

Has D. Connolly, postmaster, Allandale, York county, been dismissed?

Was any charge made against him?

If so, was he granted an investigation?

For what reason was he dismissed?

Who has been appointed in his place?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). The postmaster, Mr. Connolly, has not been dismissed. There was no charge made against him, and, consequently, there was no investigation. But the expediency of the office was referred to the post office inspector for his report, and on his report, the office was, in the public interest, removed from the residence of Mr. Connolly to a more convenient position. This involved the appointment of Mr. Dominick Doherty to the new post office.

#### QU'APPELLE MAIL CONTRACT.

Mr. DAVIN asked :

Whether the contract for carrying the mail between Qu'Appelle station and Fort Qu'Appelle has been let? Were tenders called for? If so, in what papers did the advertisement for tenders appear?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). The contract for the Qu'Appelle and Qu'Appelle station mail service has not been let. Tenders have been invited. Instructions are given to inspectors in all cases to advertise in the public interest in such manner as they deem advisable. The department has no information as to what steps have been taken in regard to advertisement, but I am satisfied they will be in every respect satisfactory.

#### MR. JOHN SPENCE.

Mr. McMULLEN asked :

1. Whether one John Spence, of the Inland Revenue Department, has been superannuated, and if so, the date of his superannuation?

2. Did the said John Spence make application to the Inland Revenue Department to be retired and placed on the superannuation list, and filed the medical certificate required by the Act along with his application, and whether said application and certificate are on file in the department?

Mr. DAVIN.

3. Are applications for other retirements under the Act, on file in the department; if so, why was an exception made in this case?

4. Did the Deputy Minister recommend his superannuation on the grounds of efficiency or economy?

5. Was there any complaint against Spence of inefficiency or misconduct?

6. If there is no evidence on file of his having applied for superannuation, and if the office has not been abolished and that no complaint is on file against him, and that his retirement was not recommended by the deputy head on the grounds of efficiency and economy, under what clause of the Act was he superannuated, and is he now permitted to draw a retiring allowance?

The CONTROLLER OF INLAND REVENUE (Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière). The following are the answers to the gentleman's question in their order :—1. John Spence has not been superannuated. 2. No such documents are on file in the department. 3. Applications made officially to the department are on file. 4. The Commissioner of Inland Revenue was requested to make a list of officers who had attained the age at which they could be superannuated. 5. No; the only complaints against him were that he did not agree with his subordinates. 6. He is not superannuated, neither is he drawing a retiring allowance, and he continues to perform the duties of his office on his regular salary.

#### THE THOUSAND ISLANDS.

Mr. TAYLOR asked :

Is the Government aware that the State Legislature of the State of New York, one of the United States of America, bordering on the River St. Lawrence, has appropriated the sum of \$30,000 to be expended in purchasing and beautifying some of the islands on the American side of said river, for the purpose of establishing public parks which are to form the United States' share of an international park proposed to be established in the River St. Lawrence?

Is it the intention of the Government to purchase from the Indian Department some of the Canadian islands, and set them apart for park purposes? Also to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to beautify the same, and to meet the propositions made by the American authorities to establish an international park in the said river, extending from Kingston to Prescott, on the Canadian side, and from Cape Vincent to Ogdensburg, on the American side of said river?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). The Government has no official information that the State of New York has appropriated any sum of money to be expended in purchasing and beautifying some of the islands on the American side of the River St. Lawrence. Eleven of the islands on the Canadian side were set aside by the late Government for the purpose of turning them into a park. Two of these islands were subsequently sold. The present Government has stopped the sale of these islands. The question of appropriating money for the purpose of turning these islands into a