

10. R. J. Thomas, appointed 7th November, 1905; remuneration, twenty-five per cent of wharfage collected.

11. Receipts, \$22.71; commission paid, \$5.67.

12. Final payment not yet made.

13. Depth of water at dock and in channel, twelve feet.

14. No dredging was done.

15. Under consideration.

MILITIA CAMP SUPPLIES.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES asked :

1. Is the government aware that the following are the prices paid last year for the following supplies for the volunteers in the camps named? See Auditor General's Report, Vol. II., pages 21 to 29: London—bacon, 9½; coffee, 16; tea, 18; butter, 18. Niagara—bacon, 8; coffee, 25; tea, 20; butter, 14. Kingston—bacon, 8; coffee, 15; tea, 15; butter, 17. Ottawa—bacon, 13½; coffee, 20; tea, 20; butter, 14. Laprairie—bacon, 14; coffee, 20; tea, 20; butter, 19. Three Rivers—bacon, 16; coffee, 33; tea, 30; butter, 22?

2. Why were the volunteers from Ontario supplied with provisions presumably inferior to those supplied from Quebec?

3. What plans will be pursued by the government for the coming annual camps in regard to supplies?

4. Are publicly advertised tenders called for these supplies?

Hon. Sir FREDERICK W. BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence):

1. No. The prices are incorrectly quoted if intended to apply to the year 1905. For supplies at the camps of instruction at London, Niagara, Kingston, Ottawa, Laprairie and Three Rivers during the summer of 1905, the following prices were paid:

At London: Bacon, 15½ cents, not 9½ cents as quoted; coffee, 16 cents; tea, 16 cents, not 18 cents as quoted; butter, 18 cents.

At Niagara: Bacon, 10½ cents, not 8 cents as quoted; coffee, 25 cents; tea, 20 cents; butter, creamery, 20 cents, not 14 cents as quoted.

At Kingston: Bacon, 10½ cents, not 8 cents as quoted; coffee, 14 cents, not 15 cents as quoted; tea, 12 cents, not 15 cents as quoted; butter, dairy, 18 cents, not 17 cents as quoted.

At Ottawa: Bacon, 13½ cents; coffee, 20 cents; tea, 20 cents; butter, 18 cents, not 14 cents as quoted.

At Laprairie: Bacon, 14½ cents, not 14 cents as quoted; coffee, 20 cents; tea, 17 cents, not 20 cents as quoted; butter, 20 cents, not 19 cents as quoted.

At Three Rivers: Bacon, 16 cents; coffee, 31 cents, not 33 cents as quoted; tea, 30 cents; butter, 22 cents.

2. In all these cases tenders were obtained by public advertisement; and the contract was given to the lowest tenderer.

3. Contracts will be made as described in question 2, after public advertisement.

4. Yes, invariably.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES (Victoria). I do not understand the minister's answer to the first question. Are the figures quoted from the Auditor General's Report wrong?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. The question does not say which year. I am assuming that it is 1905. If it is, the Auditor General's figures are wrong.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. It is the last year of the Auditor General's Report.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. My officers who went into the matter very fully say that the prices I have given are the correct prices.

THE CLOSE SEASON FOR PICKEREL.

Mr. GUNN asked :

1. What is the close season to catch pickerel in the waters of Lake Huron, off the shores of the county of Huron?

2. What is the close season to catch pickerel in the waters of Lake Huron, off the shores of the county of Lambton?

3. If the close seasons are not the same, why is there a difference?

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

1. 15th April to the 15th May.

2. There is no close season for pickerel there.

3. The close season was abolished by order in council, October 31, 1903, on the ground that the nearness of fishing by Americans, upon whom no close season was imposed, rendered competition entirely unfair. But the recommendation to council stated that this relaxation is warranted solely by the apathy shown by the government of the bordering states of the Union, in their apparent want of appreciation of the Canadian efforts to protect the fish, which places their own fishermen in such an advantageous position, and practically nullifies the good effect of the Canadian laws; but in the event of any concerted action, the close season thus abolished is to be rigidly enforced.

SITE OF ANNUAL CAMP.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES asked :

1. Has the site been selected yet for the annual camp for drill instruction for the volunteers from the third military district?

2. Where will the annual drill take place, and when?

3. Will all arms of the service drill at the one camp?

4. If not, where will they drill?

Hon. Sir FREDERICK W. BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence):

1. Yes.

2. Cobourg, commencing the 18th June next. The camp will be transferred from Kingston this year because of want of rifle range facilities.