

THE MOHAWKS.

Mr. FOSTER asked,

1. Since what period has the Department of Indian Affairs withdrawn its grant towards payment of medical services to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinté band ?

2. Who, at the time of the withdrawal, were the medical attendants of the band ?

3. How has the band been provided with medical services since, and who have been the attendants ?

4. Has any change been made by the Government in the personnel of the attendants since July, 1896, and if so, what ?

5. Has any change, if any, been made on the recommendation of the band or in opposition thereto ?

6. Why has such change, if any, been made ?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). 1. Since the 1st of July, 1892. 2. John Newton, M.D., and G. A. Whitman, M.D. 3. The service has been paid for from the funds of the band. Doctors Newton and Whitman continued to be the attendants until April, 1897. In that month the latter resigned, and Dr. John Moore was appointed to succeed him ; and on the 28th November last, Dr. Hicks replaced Dr. Newton. 4. The answer to the third question covers the fourth question. 5. (a). Dr. Moore was appointed on the recommendation of the Indian Council, vice Dr. Whitman, resigned. (b). Objection has been taken at a council of the band to the removal of Dr. Newton. 6. (a). Dr. Whitman resigned. (b). Dr. Newton was removed in consequence of political partisanship.

THE TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

Mr. CORBY asked,

Did the Minister of Railways and Canals write a letter to W. H. Biggar, Esq., of Belleville, or any other person, during the month of February last, promising to place a very substantial increase of money in the Estimates of this year in aid of the construction of the Trent Valley Canal, and if so, whether such letter will be laid on the Table of the House ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). I am afraid I shall have to decline to make either an acknowledgment or a denial as to the contents of confidential communications which may pass between myself and a friendly correspondent. I cannot, therefore, accede to the hon. gentleman's request to lay on the Table any letter or communication which may have passed between myself and the gentleman named.

THE ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF CUSTOMS, QUEBEC.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked,

1. Has the Minister of Customs received charges of misconduct, on the part of the Assistant

Inspector of Customs in the province of Quebec, preferred by Dr. Ennis ?

2. If so, when were these charges received ?

3. If any action has been taken on these charges, what is it ?

4. Is it proposed to investigate these charges, if any has been preferred ?

5. If charges have been preferred, what are they ?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Mr. Paterson). 1. The Minister of Customs has received charges of political partisanship, during the Dominion general election of June, 1896, against the Assistant Inspector of Customs for the province of Quebec, preferred by Dr. Ennis. 2. The 2nd of March, 1898. 3. No action has been taken on the charges so far. 4. The question of instituting an investigation into the charges is under consideration. 5. The answer to this is contained in reply to question No. 1.

WHARF AT ST. ANICET.

Mr. BERGERON asked,

1. How much did the wharf at St. Anicet cost when built ?

2. How much has been spent on it since ?

3. Is it true that a pier is to be built in the spring of 1893 ?

4. How much has been promised for such pier ?

5. Will the works be given by tender ?

6. Who was the keeper of the wharf until 1897 ?

7. Who is now ?

8. Why was Mr. Masson replaced ?

9. What is the amount of tolls collected by Mr. Dupuis ?

10. On whose recommendation was Mr. Dupuis appointed, and by whom ?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). 1. Cost of construction in 1862, \$1,920.50. 2. Repairs, 1889-93, \$709.65 ; reconstruction, 1893-94, \$1,725.35. 3. Yes. 4. \$3,000 were voted by Parliament at its last session for a wharf wing, or return, at the outer end, and repairs. 5. The work is to be done by day labour. 6. There was no regular keeper of the wharf until it was transferred to the Department of Marine and Fisheries on the 28th August, 1896. 7. Mr. S. Dupuis. 8. Mr. Masson was never put in charge either by the Department of Public Works or by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. 9. No statement of collection has been received from the wharfinger, but he has been called upon by the Department of Marine and Fisheries to forward a statement. 10. By the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

THE PARLIAMENT GROUNDS.

Mr. TAYLOR asked,

1. Was N. Robertson, superintendent of Parliament grounds, dismissed ? If so, when, and for what cause ?

2. Were tenders asked for the work he used to do ?

3. If so, who was the successful tenderer ?