

ment or any member or official relating thereto, and other questions discussed at said meeting.—Mr. A. Martin (Queens).

Return showing how many persons have been employed by the government since 1896 who are or were residents of Brome county, province of Quebec, giving their names and the salaries received.—Mr. Clements—by Mr. Blain.

Return showing: 1. The number of men taken into the service of the Intercolonial Railway in the province of New Brunswick during the month of January, 1908.

2. The number of men taken into the service of the Intercolonial Railway in the province of New Brunswick during the month of February, 1908.

3. The names of the persons so taken into the service, where were they employed, and the nature of the work assigned to them.

4. What positions were filled, and by whom these duties had been previously performed.

5. The number taken into the service during the corresponding months of 1907.

6. The total number of employees on the Moncton pay-roll for the month of January, 1908.

7. The total number of employees on the Moncton pay-roll for the month of February, 1908.—Mr. Daniel.

Copy of all letters, telegrams, memoranda and correspondence of every kind between the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, or any officer of his department, and any person or persons, respecting the purchase of supplies for the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Quebec, St. John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, during the years 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896.—Mr. Johnston.

Return showing: 1. Any government lands near New Westminster, British Columbia, sold to one J. W. Patterson, and, if sold, by what department of the government.

2. Whether they were Indian or military reserve lands, or either of them.

3. The prices Mr. Patterson paid for said lands, if any were sold to him.

4. The date of such sale or sales.—Mr. J. D. Reid—by Mr R. L. Borden.

Return showing what coal lands were granted to sundry persons through the agency of P. E. Lessard, of Edmonton, together with copies of all letters, papers and documents relating to the application, sale, lease or cancellation of the same. All from the general file for the group of claims, and not the special file for each section.—Mr. Ames.

Return showing what coal lands in townships 41 and 42, ranges 17 and 18, west of the fifth meridian, were granted through the agency of McGiverin & Haydon, of Ottawa, together with a copy of all letters, documents and papers relating to the application, sale, lease or cancellation of same. All from the general file for the group of claims, and not the special file for each section.—Mr. Ames.

Return to bring up to date the information contained in sessional paper, No. 207 of 1906-7, presented to the House on the 12th April, 1907, in respect of certain fishing leases.—Mr. Ames.

Return showing what coal lands are now or have been at any any time owned, controlled, leased or operated in townships 53 and 54,

range 7, west of the fifth meridian, by the Alberta Development Company, Limited, together with a copy of all applications, correspondence, deeds of sale and other documents in connection therewith.—Mr. Ames.

Return showing what coal lands in townships 9 and 10, ranges 21, 22 and 23, west of the fourth meridian, were granted through the agency of J. W. Bettes (or his firm), of Winnipeg, Manitoba, together with a copy of all letters, documents and papers relating to the application, sale, lease or cancellation of the same. All from the general file for the group of claims, and not the special file for each section.—Mr. Ames.

A copy of all petitions, memorials, documents, correspondence and papers touching any matters, transactions or negotiations between the Department of Indian Affairs and the council of the Six Nations Reserve, or the chief or chiefs of the said council or the Indian Rights Association or Warriors' Association, from the 1st day of January, 1906, to the present time.—Mr. Lake.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—TRAIN SERVICE.

Mr. J. D. REID (Grenville)—by Mr. Foster—moved for:

Return showing the number of hours late arriving, and explanation of the District Superintendent in each case, of express trains Nos. 33 and 34 between Halifax and Montreal, and Nos. 19, 20, 85 and 86 between Halifax and Sydney, for the months of October, November and December, 1907, on the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. GRAHAM. I agreed with the hon. member for Grenville to let some of those motions go through without discussion, and some I said I would ask to stand. In his absence I do not know which are to stand.

Mr. FOSTER. The hon. member for Grenville thought perhaps I might persuade the Minister of Railways to let them all through.

Mr. GRAHAM. Let this motion stand.

Mr. FOSTER. We will have to drop it and serve notice that before the estimates go through we will ask for the information.

Mr. GRAHAM. It has been asked for in an indirect way in other places.

Motion dropped.

THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

On the notice of motion:

That the Civil Service System of Canada should be based on merit and character alone, and the appointments thereto should be made only from candidates whose competency has been established through open competitive examinations, conducted under a non-partisan Civil Service Commission.

Mr. FOSTER. I propose to drop this, inasmuch as the report of the Civil Service