

BELLEVILLE, PRINCE EDWARD BRIDGE COMPANY.

On the order :

Second reading of Bill (No. 20) respecting the Belleville, Prince Edward Bridge Company.—Mr. Porter.

Mr. HENDERSON. The hon. member (Mr. Porter) is not in his seat and the hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) wishes the Bill to stand until he is here.

Order allowed to stand.

QUESTIONS.

THE BOYLE CONCESSION.

Mr. AMES—by Mr. R. L. Borden—asked:

Has the Dawson legislature memorialized the government of Canada regarding what is known as the Boyle concession? If so, what action has been taken in regard to the same?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). No memorial has been received from the Yukon council regarding the Boyle concession.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION—CHANGES IN ENGINEERING STAFF.

Mr. A. C. MACDONELL asked :

What changes, if any, have been made in the National Transcontinental Railway Commission's engineering staff during the current calendar year?

Hon. GEO. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals). If the hon. gentleman will consent to put that in the form of a motion for a return I will likely be able to put it on the table as soon as the motion is passed.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LIFE-SAVING STATIONS.

Mr. LEFURGEY—by Mr. A. A. McLean—asked :

1. Has the government taken any steps within the past year towards the establishment of life-saving stations and equipment in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick? If so, at what points and with what equipment?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries). Lifeboats with the usual equipments have been established at the following points : Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Souris, P.E.I., Brier island, N.S., Richbucto, N.B. Provision is now being made for the establishment of a life-saving station at Alberton, P.E.I.

CASCUMPEC HARBOUR BUOYS.

Mr. LEFURGEY—by Mr. A. A. McLean—asked :

1. Were tenders called for the placing of the buoys in Cascumpec harbour, Prince Edward Island, last season? If so, who were the tenderers and amount of each tender?

2. If no tenders were called, why not, and what amount was paid for the service?

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

1. No tenders were invited in 1906-7. The contract was renewed with Mr. Samuel Fraser, for a period of three years from the 15th June, 1906.

2. Tenders for the Cascumpec buoy service were called for in 1903, and the tender of Mr. Samuel Fraser at ninety-five dollars per annum was accepted. His contract was renewed in 1906, at the same price and will not terminate until the 15th June, 1909. No complaints were made against the contractor.

TIGNISH HARBOUR.

Mr. LEFURGEY—by Mr. A. A. McLean—asked:

1. Has the government received information that the harbour or run at Tignish, Prince Edward Island, is too small to accommodate the large number of sailing craft and the fishing fleets from New Brunswick which seek shelter there?

2. Has the government received a petition from the fishermen of Caraqueet, New Brunswick, to extend the run at Tignish, and also a resolution from the West Prince Board of Trade, and is it the intention to extend the run inward so as to give the additional mooring required?

3. Has the government been asked to put a spur track from Tignish station to the breakwater, so as to give facilities to the shipping interests, and what is the intention of the government in this regard?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works) :

1 and 2. The government has received a petition from the people of Gloucester county and a resolution from the Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade, both asking for the enlargement of the harbour at Tignish. The petitions are now in the hands of the resident engineer for report, for which we have to wait before any opinion can be expressed on the matter.

3. The Department of Railways informs me that it has not been asked to put a spur track from Tignish station to the breakwater.

CRUISER 'VIGILANT' COLLISION.

Mr. WM. JACKSON asked :

1. Was the government cruiser 'Vigilant' in collision with any kind of craft in Port Stanley this season?

2. If so, what is the name of the vessel in collision?

3. Has the department made any inquiry into the cause of accident?

4. If any inquiry has been made, what was the cause of the accident?

5. Who was in charge of the 'Vigilant' at the time of the accident?

6. Who was in charge of the engine at the time of the accident?