

Bill (No. 38) respecting the Great North-western Railway Company.—Mr. McCreary.

Bill (No. 39) to make further provision for the prevention of cruelty to animals and to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.—Mr. Brock.

QUESTIONS.

CANADIAN TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

Mr. CASGRAIN asked :

Have any representations been received by the government of Canada from the imperial government as to the advisability of locating the next Canadian Transcontinental Railway in such a manner that it may be remote from the frontier, and useful for military purposes ; and so placed that railway and telegraph communication between eastern and western Canada may not be liable to be cut off ?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE. (Hon. Sir Frederick Borden). No such representations have been made by the imperial government to the government of Canada.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—SPUR LINE FROM RIVIERE OUELLE.

Mr. CASGRAIN asked :

1. How much of the sum of \$43,000, included in the Appropriation Act, 2 Edward VII, Chapter 1, 'for the building of a spur line of railway from the Intercolonial Railway station at Rivière Ouelle to the wharf on the St. Lawrence,' has been expended ?

2. Is the spur line in question finished ?

3. Is it the intention of the government to establish in connection with the said spur line a ferry between the wharf at Rivière Ouelle and the north shore of the St. Lawrence ?

4. If so, have any arrangements been made with any person or company to establish such a ferry, and with whom ?

5. Has the establishment of such ferry been recommended in writing by any member of the House of Commons; and if so, by whom ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

1. The amount expended up to the 31st January, 1903, on Rivière Ouelle branch is \$19,578.08.

2. No.

3. Yes. We have it in contemplation to arrange for a connection of that kind.

4. No arrangements have yet been concluded.

5. It has not been customary for the government to make public the names of parties with whom it has advised on questions of this kind.

DOUKHOBORS HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Mr. WILSON asked :

How many Doukhobors have entered for homesteads in the North-west Territories in the years 1900, 1901 and 1902 ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Sir William Mulock) :

Calendar Year.	No. of Entries.
1900.....	None.
1901.....	62
1902.....	207
Total.....	269

HOUSES AND FUEL FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Mr. WILSON asked :

In view of the large immigration into Manitoba and the North-west Territories, what action has the government taken to see that they will be provided with houses and fuel for the next winter ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir William Mulock). The department has no reason to believe that the immigrants coming into Canada will not be able to provide themselves with houses and fuel.

DOUKHOBOR PILGRIMAGE.

Mr. WILSON asked :

1. How many horses, sheep and cattle did the Doukhobors turn at large in the fall of 1902, in the Yorkton District ?

2. How many of these animals did the government officials take in charge ; what was done with these cattle, and what was the cost to the government ?

3. If these cattle were sold, how much did they bring ; who sold them and what was done with the money ?

4. When the Doukhobors of the Yorkton District went on their pilgrimage, in the fall of 1902, what did it cost to take them back to their homes ; who paid it, and to whom was it paid ?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir William Mulock) :

1. The exact number is not given, but there were about 120 horses, 95 sheep and 285 cattle.

2. The government officials took charge of 120 horses, 95 sheep and 285 cattle. They were sold at auction at no cost to the government.

3. The stock realized \$16,024.25. They were sold by C. J. Macfarlane, an auctioneer authorized by the department, and the money was placed in 'trust' to be expended in the relief of the Doukhobors.

4. The expenses in connection with the Doukhobors' pilgrimage amounted to \$7,292. and this was paid from the trust fund. This money was expended by the officials of the department and a receipt was given by three leaders of the Doukhobors duly authorized to do so at a special meeting of the Doukhobors held for the purpose. The details of this expenditure have not been sent to Ottawa.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM PORT ARTHUR AND PORT WILLIAM.

Mr. HOLMES asked :

What was the total shipment of grain, during the season of navigation, from Port Arthur