

aux Noix." and what use is being made of the premises? If leased in whole or in part, to whom? For how much yearly, or otherwise, and how are payments made? If not leased, has permission been granted to any one to use the lands for pasturing horses, and to whom?

Mr. DICKEY. The Government still own the property known as the "Isle aux Noix." The buildings are only used as quarters for a caretaker. The property is leased in part: 155 acres are leased to Mr. Peter Smith for pasturage at an annual rental of \$80. A small plot of garden is rented to Miss O'Hara at a yearly rental of \$4. The rentals of both tenants are payable half-yearly. No permission has been granted by the department to any parties, apart from the tenants on their holdings, to use any of the land for pasturage purposes.

KILDARE STATION POST OFFICE, P. E. I.

Mr. PERRY asked. Has a postmaster been appointed at Kildare Station, lot 2, Prince Edward Island, in the place of Avit Perry, deceased? If so, who is he? If no appointment has been made, who is acting postmaster? Has he given security? If so, who are his securities?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. A postmistress has been appointed at Kildare Station, lot 2, Prince Edward Island, in place of Avit Poirrier (not Perry), deceased. The name of the postmistress is Marguerite Poirrier. She has given security. Her sureties are Sylvain E. Perry and John B. Arsenault.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY—SUMMER VACATION.

Mr. FRASER (for Mr. Forbes) asked, Is it the intention of the Government to grant to Intercolonial Railway operators and clerks the usual summer vacation with salary continued in the same manner as is accorded to officials of other Government departments?

Mr. HAGGART. It is proposed to give two weeks vacation with pay to the despatchers, telegraph operators, and station-masters, as their hours on duty are very long, but not to the clerks, as there does not appear to be the same reason for it.

BUTTER TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. McMILLAN asked, What was the weight per package of the packages of creamery butter purchased by the Government last winter for shipment to Great Britain? What sales have been made, and what prices have been realized per pound since the statement made by the Secretary of State on the 16th of May? Have all

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the packages been sold, or do any remain at present in the hands of the Government? Was any of this butter sold in Montreal not for shipment to Britain? If so, for what reason, and how much was thus sold, and what price per pound was realized for it?

Mr. MONTAGUE. Nine hundred and fifteen packages of butter, shipped from Montreal, weighed 48,937 pounds net, being an average of 53.48 pounds of butter per package. No account sales of them have been received since the statement made by me to the House on the 16th of May. Two hundred and forty-six packages of butter were sold in Montreal, which were paid for by an advance of 20 cents per pound by the Government. Payments have been made on three lots of butter at 20 cents a pound, which were not included in the former return; and payments are to be made on two lots. The reason why the butter, which was inspected and for which payments of 20 cents per pound were made, was not sent to England, was because it was not in packages which appeared to be suitable for export to Great Britain, to enhance the reputation of the packages of our butter there. The following lots of creamery butter were received at Montreal, intended by the consignees to be shipped to Great Britain by the dairy commissioner, and were sold in Montreal, on account of being in packages unsuitable for export:—

21	packages,	1,294	lbs. sold for..	22	cents per lb.
9	do	490	do	..22	do
19	do	961	do	..21	do
56	do	2,938	do	..21½	do
43	do	2,244	do	..21	do
2	do	56	do	..21½	do
4	do	224	do	..21½	do
5	do	274	do	..21½	do
1	do	56	do	..21	do
7	do	392	do	..21½	do
21	do	621	do	..21½	do
21	do	620	do	..20	do
21	do	1,067	do	..21½	do
16	do	874	do	..21	do
40	do	1,970	do	..21½	do
5	do	280	lbs.; 4 at 23 cents per lb., 1 at 22 cents.		
6	do	330	lbs.; 5 at 21½ cents, 1 at 21 cents.		

There are also thirty-one packages, totalling 930 pounds, and twenty-eight packages totalling 1,438 pounds, of which the returns have not yet been received. The dairy commissioner has received information from some of his correspondents in England, stating that there would be no difficulty in doing a steady trade in butter, similar to that contained in the best lots shipped last winter, especially now that buyers are getting to know it.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MARTIN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to say a word or two with regard to a matter of privilege.