

TÊTE DU PONT BARRACKS, KINGSTON.

Mr. INNES (for Mr. PLATT) asked, Has the Government sold, leased, rented or otherwise disposed of, *Tête du Pont* barracks, Kingston, Ontario? Is it the intention of the Government to sell, lease, rent or otherwise dispose of said barracks during the present year? What use is made of said property at present?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. The Government has neither sold, leased, rented, nor otherwise disposed of *Tête du Pont* barracks in Kingston, Ontario. It is not the intention of the Government to sell, lease, rent or otherwise dispose of said barracks during the present year. This property is at present occupied by Battery "B" of Canadian Artillery.

CORRUPT PRACTICES TRIALS AT PICTON.

Mr. INNES (for Mr. PLATT) asked, Did the Minister of Justice, or any other person as Attorney General of Canada, appoint or instruct counsel to assist the local authorities in the Corrupt Practices trials held at Picton on the 6th day of January, 1888? At whose suggestion, or upon whose recommendation was such counsel appointed? Who was the person so appointed, and what fee did he receive for his services?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Counsel was so employed by the acting Minister of Justice, as required by section 73 of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, on the report of the judge, under section 71 of that Act, and at the suggestion also of the county crown attorney of the county of Prince Edward, Mr. Lowe, Q.C. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt was so appointed, and received \$100 for his services.

THE DREDGE CAPE BRETON.

Mr. CAMERON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide for the loss of clothing, &c., sustained by the captain and laborers employed on the dredge *Cape Breton*, which was lost in the Straits of Northumberland during a gale in the fall of 1887?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. It is the intention of the Government.

CUSTOM HOUSE OFFICER AT WEST BAY, N.S.

Mr. CAMERON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a custom house officer at West Bay, county of Inverness, Nova Scotia, this year?

Mr. BOWELL. The Government will establish a custom house officer at West Bay, as soon as they are convinced that the requirements of the revenue call for that step.

CAUGHNAWAGA INDIANS.

Mr. DOYON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to allow the Indians of Caughnawaga, in the county of Laprairie, to hold an election of councillors, or an election of chiefs, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Advancement Act; if so, when do they propose to grant them permission to do so?

Mr. DEWDNEY. A recommendation has been made to the Governor General in Council, that the Indian Advancement Act be applied to the above band of Indians, and that an election of councillors under the provisions of that Act be held on the 26th March next.

PROTECTION FOR LAPRAIRIE VILLAGE.

Mr. DOYON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Estimates a sufficient sum to complete the works, already begun, to protect the village

of Laprairie from the danger of being damaged by ice and inundation; if so, what sum does the Government propose to devote to this purpose?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is not possible to make known at present the intention of the Government on this subject. The hon. member will have to wait until the Supplementary Estimates are laid before the House.

CHARLES SAVARY.

Mr. EDGAR (for Mr. LISTER) asked, Is there employed in any of the departments of the Government, a person by the name of Charles Savary? If so, what is the date of his appointment, what is his salary, and what are his duties?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Yes; he has been employed in the Department of the Secretary of State since the 24th or 25th of last month. He is to be employed two months. His salary is \$2 a day. He is connected with the correspondence branch.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES, LAKE ST. JOHN.

Mr. COUTURE asked, Did the Government receive a deputation from Lake St. John, asking for railway subsidies? If so, by whom was the deputation presented to the Ministers? What was the answer of the latter?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I may say that I, on behalf of the Government, received a deputation from Lake St. John asking for railway subsidies. The deputation was presented to the hon. the Minister of Militia, and the answer was that their representation should be taken into consideration.

Mr. COUTURE asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to insert in the Supplementary Estimates, a sum of money to assist in the construction of the branch of the Lake St. John Railway from Chambord to Chicoutimi and St. Alphonse, a distance of sixty-seven miles? If not, why not?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The intention of the Government will be shown when the Supplementary Estimates are brought down.

CHICOUTIMI AND SAGUENAY COUNTIES.

Mr. COUTURE asked, What amount has been voted for expenditure in the counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay since January, 1887? 2. What portion of that amount has been expended? For what purposes? 3. Has J. A. Gagné had the patronage of the county of Chicoutimi? If so, why?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. In answer to the hon. member, I may say that the amount of the subsidy was \$7,750. The amount spent was as follows: for the construction of a jetty, \$2,863; for repairs, \$4,394.37, making a total of \$7,215. The patronage of the county belongs to the Government, and has been exercised by the Government, who are responsible for all the appointments that have been made.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Mr. CHOQUETTE asked, What have been the total receipts and expenditure of the Intercolonial Railway, year by year, since it was first put in operation, and up to this date?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This is rather an extensive question to be answered. If the hon. gentleman would make it a motion, the papers would be brought down.