

Hon. SIDNEY FISHER (for the Minister of Marine) :

1. 18.
2. 1.
3. (a) stranding, 13; (b) collision, 5.
4. Reported value according to wreck returns received in Department of Marine and Fisheries for 4 wrecks, \$47,000. In the other cases the value is not given in the returns received.

TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN asked :

1. What amount of temporary loans contracted by the government was outstanding on March 1, 1896 ?
2. What is the average rate of interest payable thereon ?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister) :

1. The amount of temporary loans outstanding March 1, 1906, was £1,400,000. Of this amount £600,000 was borrowed September 28 and bears interest at the rate of $3\frac{3}{8}$ per cent per annum, £800,000 was borrowed on November 1, 1905 for the purpose of redeeming debt then falling due.
2. The rate of interest was $3\frac{7}{8}$ per cent per annum. The average rate of interest on the two transactions is 3.52.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS PORT STANLEY, PORT BRUCE AND PORT BURWELL.

Mr. INGRAM asked :

1. What were the receipts from customs collected at Port Stanley for each year since June 30, 1896 ?
2. What were the receipts from customs collected at Port Bruce for each year since June 30, 1896 ?
3. What were the receipts from customs collected at Port Burwell for each year since 1896 ?

Hon. WILLIAM PATTERSON (Minister of Customs). The following were the Customs receipts at these ports during the periods stated, viz. :

	Port Stanley.	Port Bruce.	Port Burwell.
	\$ cts.		\$ cts.
1896-97	1,886 55	Nil.	304 73
1897-98	4,496 87	Nil.	393 70
1898-99	6,236 63	Nil.	688 30
1899-1900	8,095 22	Nil.	1,003 30
1900-01	9,038 65	Nil.	1,878 46
1901-02	2,230 99	Nil.	1,442 88
1902-03	39,178 03	Nil.	1,813 14
1903-04	36,326 24	Nil.	2,533 75
1904-05	25,669 93	Office closed	1,395 35
		Feb. 1905.	

Mr. R. L. BORDEN.

PORT STANLEY HARBOUR WORKS.

Mr. INGRAM asked :

1. Have all persons employed on the harbour works at Port Stanley been paid ? If not, why not ?
2. If any unpaid balance is due any of them, how long since has said unpaid balance been due ?
3. What are the names and the respective amounts ?

Hon. CHARLES S. HYMAN (Minister of Public Works). So far as the department is aware, all pay sheets for services have been paid, the cheque for the last one having been sent on the 15th ultimo.

MR. W. T. R. PRESTON.

Mr. URIAH WILSON asked :

1. Did W. T. R. Preston, Dominion Commissioner of Immigration at London, England, visit Canada late in December, 1905, or early in January, 1906, on official business ?
2. Did the government send for Mr. Preston ?
3. Did Mr. Preston ask leave to visit Canada ?
4. Is Mr. W. T. R. Preston, Dominion Commissioner of Immigration at London, England, an official subordinate to the Canadian High Commissioner in London, England, or not ?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) :

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. No.
4. Yes.

OIL SUPPLIED INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY BY NEW BRUNSWICK PETROLEUM COMPANY.

Mr. BARKER asked :

1. How many carloads of oil were sold in 1905 by the New Brunswick Petroleum Company to the government for the government railways ?
2. What was the total quantity of oil, if any, sold in 1905 by the said company to the government for the said railways, and what was the price ?
3. What quantity of oil, if any, was shipped by the said company to the government from Memramcook to Moncton or elsewhere in each month of the year 1905 ?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals) :

1. Six carloads and 168 barrels of crude oil were purchased from New Brunswick Petroleum Company during the year 1905 for the Intercolonial Railway.
2. 43,824 gallons, and the price paid was ten cents per gallon delivered at Memramcook.
3. January, nil; February, 7,926 gallons; March, Nil; April, 6,996 gallons; May, 889 gallons; June, 7,075 gallons; July, 6,129 gallons; August, 949 gallons; September, 6,129 gallons; October, 953 gallons; November, 6,338 gallons; December, 440 gallons.

No business was done by the Prince Edward Island Railway with the above company.