

Dominion during last autumn and winter, the Bill was explained by lecturers of the Department of Agriculture and others, and generally discussed.

2. The principal information from farmers has been obtained through the lecturers at the above meetings, who report that at those meetings resolutions approving of the Bill and urging its passage at this session were, with hardly an exception, unanimously passed. Some copies of resolutions in the same sense, passed at the meetings of Farmers' Institutes or farmers' associations, have also been received by the department.

3. It is the intention of the Minister of Agriculture to introduce a similar Bill at this session.

COLD STORAGE EQUIPMENT ON ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

Mr. HENDERSON asked :

What is the total amount that has been paid from the 1st of July, 1896, to the present time for the equipment of steamships sailing between the port of Montreal and ports in Great Britain, with cold storage and cool air facilities, and ventilated storage, for the carriage of Canadian products from Canada to Great Britain ?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture). \$231,875.28.

DOMINION VOTERS' LISTS.

Mr. BLAIN asked :

What has been the total expenditure for preparing and printing the Dominion voters' lists since the adoption of the Franchise Act of 1898; also the total expenditure for each province; and the expenditure for the counties of Peel and Cardwell, respectively, in each year ?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). Under the Franchise Act of 1898 the voters' lists are not prepared by the Dominion government, except when there is no provincial voters' list prepared within a year, available for an election about to be held. Copies of the provincial lists are bought from the local custodians. The outlay for the purchase of these provincial lists since 1898 is as follows :—

Ontario.. . . .	\$10,907 92
Quebec.. . . .	11,368 95
Nova Scotia	3,052 03
New Brunswick.. . . .	1,724 48
Manitoba.. . . .	108 00
British Columbia.. . . .	2,394 52
	\$29,555 90

Preparation of voters' lists for use in by-elections :	
Winnipeg, 1900.. . . .	\$ 872 21
Lisgar, 1902.. . . .	6,634 49
	7,506 70

Total.. . . . \$37,062 60

Outlay for purchase of voters' lists of county of Peel :

1898-99.. . . .	\$25 89
1899-1900.. . . .	26 27
1900-1901.. . . .	25 48
1901-02.. . . .	25 64
1902-03	25 17
	\$128 45

It is impossible to determine what proportion of the amount paid for lists belongs to the federal electoral district of Cardwell, as it includes parts of three counties.

Expense of printing the voters' lists.

Expenditure by provinces.

Ontario.. . . .	\$24,913 17
Quebec	21,305 73
Nova Scotia	3,715 06
New Brunswick	2,518 06
British Columbia.. . . .	1,493 71
Manitoba.... . . .	2,175 76
	\$56,121 49
	37,062 60

Grand total.. . . . \$93,184 09

The following lists were only once printed:

Printing of lists for Peel.. . . .	\$132 66
Printing of lists for Cardwell.. . . .	125 12

I. C. R.—EMPLOYEES DISMISSED AT ST. JOHN.

Mr. DANIEL asked :

1. Is it true that two Intercolonial Railway employees, viz. : James P. Demill, a checker and delivery clerk, and Oscar Pederson, a foreman car cleaner, in the round-house at St. John, have been summarily dismissed ?

2. How long has each of these men been in the employment of the Intercolonial Railway ?

3. For what reason or reasons have they been dismissed ?

4. Is it proposed to hold any investigation into the cause of these dismissals ?

Hon. JAMES SUTHERLAND (Minister of Public Works). It is true that two of the railway employees at St. John have been dismissed. The name of one was James P. Demill and the other Oscar Peterson—not Oscar Pederson as named in the question.

2. James P. Demill was first employed in 1879. Oscar Peterson was first employed in 1900.

3. They were not deemed desirable employees to retain in the service.

4. No.

EXPORT GRAIN TO HALIFAX VIA INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Mr. KEMP asked :

1. How many bushels of grain have been hauled by the Intercolonial Railway during the six months preceding March 1st, 1904, for delivery at Halifax for export ?

2. What was the proportion delivered in each month ?

3. What lake ports was it shipped from ?

4. What was the rate per bushel from such lake ports to Halifax ?