

The **CONTROLLER OF CUSTOMS** (Mr. Paterson). 1. No person. 2. No. 3. 1st December, 1896, when the outpost was abolished by Order in Council. 4. Yes.

**CAPTAIN WILLIAM MCKENZIE,
DREDGE "CANADA."**

Sir **CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER** asked :

1. Have the services of Captain William McKenzie, master of the Government dredge "Canada," been dispensed with?

2. If so, at what date and for what reason?

3. Was an investigation had prior to his dismissal?

4. If so, when did it take place?

5. If Captain McKenzie was dismissed after the late local elections on 20th April, why was action taken then and not prior to that date?

The **MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS** (Mr. Tarte). 1. Yes. 2, 3 and 4. The engagements of dredge men are only for one season, and Captain McKenzie was not re-engaged for the present season. 5. The action in this case has not been taken before date mentioned, because the dredge on which Captain McKenzie was engaged last season was not then in commission.

VALLEYFIELD MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. **BERGERON** asked :

Is the Honourable the Postmaster General aware that the mail carrier between the Canada Atlantic Railway station at Valleyfield and the Valleyfield post office detains the afternoon mail over an hour and a half? Will the Postmaster General give instructions to the effect that the service be done in a more regular way?

The **POSTMASTER GENERAL** (Mr. Mulock). The department is not aware of there being any such delay as that referred to, but inquiries have been set on foot, and, if such a delay exists, steps will be taken to prevent it in future.

BEAUHARNOIS CANAL.—DISMISSALS.

Mr. **BERGERON** asked :

1. Is it true that Joseph Cardinal, Napoléon Mathieu, Alphonse Julien, Amable Rufionge, lockmasters, and Homer Monette, lockman, all on the Beauharnois Canal, have been dismissed from their employment?

2. If so, why?

3. On whose recommendation have they been dismissed?

4. Was an investigation held?

The **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS** (Mr. Blair). It is true that the persons referred to have been dismissed from the Beauharnois Canal. They were dismissed because they took an extreme and offensive part during the elections in June last. Dismissal took place on the representation of the Hon. J. Israel Tarte. No investigation was considered necessary, the Minister speaking from personal knowledge.

Mr. **MARTIN.**

HARRISON LAKE REGION.—GOLD DISCOVERIES.

Mr. **MORRISON** asked :

Is the Government aware of any gold discoveries in the Harrison Lake region, British Columbia?

The **MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR** (Mr. Sifton). The Government has no information in regard to gold discoveries in the Harrison region, except such information as is contained in the last annual report of the Minister of Mines in the province of British Columbia. That report, of course, is public property, and the hon. gentleman (Mr. Morrison) can consult it for himself, if he so desires. If there be any gold discoveries there, they will be, according to the best of our knowledge, upon provincial lands, and will fall under the administration of the provincial government.

HARRISON RIVER RAPIDS.

Mr. **MORRISON** asked :

Is it the Intention of the Government this year to make an appropriation for the improvement of the Harrison River Rapids?

The **MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS** (Mr. Tarte). It is not the intention of the Government to make an appropriation this year for the improvement of the Harrison River rapids, but it is the intention to have an examination of the said rapids made. In the meantime the Snag boat "Samson" has been detailed to remove snags in that river, thereby improving the navigation of that river, as much as possible.

THE BREMNER FURS SEIZURE.

Mr. **DAVIS** moved for :

Copies of all letters, reports and other papers in possession of the Government in any way relating to the claim of one Bremner, of Bresaylor, N.W.T., for compensation for furs alleged to have been taken possession of by General Middleton, during the trouble in the North-west Territories.

He said : In making this motion in connection with the claim of Mr. Bremner, of Battleford, I am quite aware that I am bringing up a question that was discussed some years ago in this House ; and although this question was discussed and a great deal of evidence was taken before a committee, up to the present time Mr. Bremner has never been paid for the furs taken from him. Now, previous to the rebellion of 1895, Mr. Bremner was a fur trader near Battleford, in the district of Saskatchewan. He had traders acting as agents for him further west, and he was a wealthy man. In the spring of the year previous to the breaking out of the rebellion, these agents had brought in their furs to be stored. The rebellion then broke out, and Mr. Bremner sent his furs for safe-keeping to Battleford, where they