

so as to make it available for small trading vessels, and is it the intention of the government to grant such request?

Hon. Wm. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). Yes, a request has been made and the matter is under consideration.

CLIFTON BREAKWATER, GLOUCESTER, N.B.

Mr. FOWLER asked:

What amounts of public money have been expended on the Stonehaven of Clifton breakwater in the county of Gloucester, N.B., during the years from 1896 to 1907, respectively?

Hon. Wm. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works).

Year.	Amount.
To June 30, 1896.. . . . .	..\$ .....
" 1897.. . . . .	.....
" 1898.. . . . .	1,036 56
" 1899.. . . . .	500 00
" 1900.. . . . .	6,086 92
" 1901.. . . . .	4,326 51
" 1902.. . . . .	2,991 28
" 1903.. . . . .	2,500 00
" 1904.. . . . .	2,289 50
" 1905.. . . . .	2,439 23
" 1906.. . . . .	9,000 46
To March 31, 1907.. . . . .	1,999 99
From April 1 to November 30.. . . . .	1,801 49
Total.. . . . .	\$35,031 94

MR. R. T. MACILREITH.

Mr. FOSTER asked:

1. When was R. T. MacIlreith first authorized to act as agent for the Minister of Justice in Nova Scotia?
2. Is he still acting in that capacity?
3. Over what territory do his services extend?
4. In what cases has he acted for the government, what was the amount of this bill as rendered in each case, and at what was it taxed by the Justice Department?
5. What is the total amount received by him to date for such services?
6. What action has been taken by Mr. MacIlreith as a result of the following letter:—

Ottawa, July 12, 1904.

Sir,—I have the honour to state that a complaint has been made to this department on behalf of Mr. A. J. MacDonald, barrister, of Baddeck, Nova Scotia, your agent there, that you have retained one-third of the amounts allowed him on taxation in the following matters: Port Bevis wharf site, Breton Cove wharf site and MacQuay's wharf site. I am directed by the Minister of Justice to state that he deems such action on your part highly improper, and I am to request you to pay over the amount retained to Mr. Macdonald with as little delay as possible. These instructions apply also to your other agents in case you retain any portion of the amounts allowed them.

I am, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) A. POWER,  
Acting D.M.J.

R. T. MacIlreith,  
Barrister, Halifax.

Mr. LEFURGEY.

7. Has any inquiry been made as to his alleged tolling of sub-agents' fees in Nova Scotia? If so, with what result?

Hon. A. B. AYLESWORTH (Minister of Justice):

1. On the 8th April, 1903.
  2. Yes.
  3. The province of Nova Scotia.
  4. An answer to this question would involve the examination of accounts of five years, distributed among various departments of the government.
- The House, on the 6th February last, ordered a return showing copies of all accounts, vouchers, cheques and documents relating to payments made to Mr. MacIlreith and such return is being prepared.
5. The total payments, to 31st March, 1907, as appears from the annual Reports of the Auditor General, since Mr. MacIlreith's first employment amount to \$20,362.24.

To ascertain the amount of subsequent payments would involve a reference to each department of the government (including the management of the Intercolonial Railway) and, if required, could more conveniently be given in the form of a return.

6 and 7. Mr. MacIlreith took strong exception to this letter on the ground that he had engaged Mr. Macdonald in the matter under an agreement that if, instead of Mr. MacIlreith attending personally to the whole of the work in question, he employed Mr. Macdonald, as his agent, to do part of it, the fees chargeable for such work as should be done by Mr. Macdonald should be shared, (as is the well understood custom, obtaining, in such circumstances, among solicitors in England and in Ontario), and in the proportion said to be 'the usual and regular agency basis in Nova Scotia, viz.: two-thirds to the agent and one-third to the principal.'

Mr. Macdonald denied the existence of any such agreement, and the department being unable to decide the difference left the parties to adjust it between themselves.

No inquiry has been made by the department on the subject, except the correspondence arising out of the difficulty above referred to.

THE 'SAULT EXPRESS'—GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING AND PRINTING.

Mr. BOYCE asked:

1. What sums of money were paid by the government during the years 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907, for advertising, printing, or for any other purpose, or any other account whatever, to the 'Sault Express,' a newspaper published at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, or to any person, firm or company for, or in respect of, any work done by said newspaper for the government, or any department thereof?
2. For what purpose were such moneys paid and by what departments, respectively?