

industry, we certainly, by our omission, may lead to very serious injury. The object of my Bill is to clothe the Government inspector with authority to decide in matters of dispute between the parties. I do not propose to make the inspection of all cheese compulsory, but leave it optional. The cheese may be inspected, or it may not; but where a buyer makes a bargain and then comes with his inspector and pronounces the standard of the cheese below the standard anticipated by the patrons of that factory, the patrons will have the right to telegraph for the Government inspector to come and certify as to whether the grade which has been placed upon that cheese by the inspector of the buyer is a proper and honest grade or not. If the Government inspector, after careful investigation, decide that the grading has not been honest, but that an attempt has been made to take advantage of the seller, then the buyer would be required to take the cheese at the price agreed upon when the purchase was made. If, on the other hand, the inspector decided that the grading of the cheese is honest and fair, the seller then will have the option of taking the price offered by the buyer or of withholding the cheese and trying to secure a better price in some other way. This is the object of the Bill, and I hope it will receive the support of hon. gentlemen opposite.

Since notice has been taken of this matter in the public press, I have had communications strongly endorsing the Bill and strongly urging that it should become law. The cheese-buyers themselves, will, I think, be quite willing to accept it. I am sure they will be anxious to cultivate the confidence of those with whom they are brought in contact in business transactions, and I feel certain that this Bill, if it becomes law, will be a means of having disputes settled amicably and peaceably and will tend to produce that confidence in the manufacturers which is absolutely necessary if the trade is to prosper.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

GRAIN STANDARDS IN MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Mr. WOOD (Brockville) asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to make any changes in the mode of selecting, allotting or regulating the grain standards for Manitoba and the North-west Territories, during the present session of this Parliament?

The CONTROLLER OF INLAND REVENUE (Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière). This matter is now under consideration. The grain committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade recommend that inspectors should be instructed to grade according to the wording and meaning of the Act or Orders in Council appertaining thereto, dispensing with samples, except when the crop from

climatic or other reasons is abnormal, in which case they recommend that the grain inspectors of Winnipeg and Port Arthur should, with the chairman (pro tem) of the Winnipeg Grain Board, be a permanent board to establish, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, grades for that season.

COAL OIL, ST. JOHN'S, P.Q., BARRACKS.

Mr. MORIN asked :

Who are the parties who sent in tenders to the Government, in November last, for coal oil to light the barracks at St. John's, P.Q.; giving names and prices?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). Tenders for the supply of coal oil for the permanent corps at St. John's, P.Q., were as follows:—J. A. Lomme, 17½ cts. per gallon; J. G. Hebert, 18 cts. per gallon

MR. A. R. McDONALD.

Mr. ANGERS (for Mr. Pouliot) asked :

Is it true that Mr. A. R. McDonald has been appointed by the Government inspector general of the Intercolonial Railway, with a salary of \$3,000 per annum?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). No such appointment has been made.

GANANOQUE DRILL SHED.

Mr. TAYLOR asked :

1. When do the Government intend to remove the drill shed off the lot they sold to the town council of the town of Gananoque for the sum of one thousand dollars?

2. Is the Government aware that by not having moved the drill shed as agreed with the said council, that they are causing great damage to the high school lately erected on part of said lot?

3. Has the Government exceeded the time on which they agreed with the said council when they sold the lot to them, to remove the same?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). 1. The shed will be removed as soon as the department has secured a new site for the building. 2. The department is aware that the school board wish for the removal of the shed, and they were allowed in 1895 to take down a portion of one end to facilitate the erection of a school-house. 3. The time allowed for the removal of the shed was necessarily prolonged because of the difficulty to find a suitable site for the building.

TENDERS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.

Mr. DAVIN asked :

Will the Minister of the Interior lay on the Table copies of the schedule calling for tenders for Indian supplies in Manitoba and the North-west Territories for the fiscal years 1896-97 and 1897-98?