

## BELL'S RAPIDS POST OFFICE.

Mr. PORTER asked :

1. When was the post office known as Bell's Rapids established ?
2. Who is the postmaster ?
3. Upon whose recommendation was such office established, and such postmaster appointed, and when ?
4. Were there any other recommendations or applications for establishment of such post office ? If so, by whom, and when ?

Hon. A. B. AYLESWORTH (Postmaster General). Bell's Rapids Post Office was established on April 1, 1905, with John Hicks as postmaster, on the application of the Rev. Father McInerney, of Maynooth, the report of an inspector, and the recommendation of Mr. Henry Pringle, of Belleville.

## MIMINEGASH BREAKWATER.

Mr. LEFURGEY asked :

1. Are any repairs being made on Miminegash breakwater, Prince Edward Island ?
2. What is the nature of these repairs ?
3. Has a petition been forwarded to the minister regarding the placing of a proposed extension to said breakwater ?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (for the Minister of Public Works) :

- 1 and 2. A contract has been awarded for the construction of an extension to the southern breakwater, 30 by 50 feet, built of close face cribwork.
3. There is no such petition in the department.

## TARIFF COMMISSION—PRINTING OF EVIDENCE.

Mr. HENDERSON asked :

1. Does the government propose at an early date to lay on the table of the House a copy of the evidence taken before the Tariff Commission during the past autumn and winter ?
2. Will such evidence be printed for the use of members of the House ?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs). Yes, it will be laid on the table at the first opportunity to-day, when the Orders of the Day are called, or at the adjournment. In reference to the printing there are over eight thousand pages of typewritten matter, about 300 words to the page, and comprising some nine large volumes, and it will be for the Printing Committee to determine that point.

Mr. PATERSON (Minister of Customs), later laid the report on the table.

Mr. FOSTER. Is this all that took place ?

Mr. PATERSON. Yes, every thing.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS—DAILY RECORD OF.

Mr. HENDERSON asked :

Is it the intention of the government to cause a daily record to be made of the attendance of members during the present session ?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I intend to move at the first opportunity for a Committee of the House to revise the rules of the House, and this question will be taken into consideration by that committee.

## TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

Mr. PORTER asked :

1. What steps or proceedings have been taken by the government during the last year to determine the route of the Trent Valley canal ?
2. Has any report been made thereon since 1904 ? If so, what ?
3. Has the government determined the choice of routes ? If so, what is it ?
4. Has any investigation been had into the cause of the breakage in the banks or lift locks of the Trent Valley canal. If so, what is the result of such investigation, and has a report been made thereon, and by whom and when ?
5. What is the estimated cost of repairs or damage sustained by such breakage in the (a) banks, (b) lift locks ?
6. Have any proceedings been taken to repair such damages ? If not, is it the intention of the government to proceed with such repairs at once, and how ?

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

1. The government have had surveys made.
2. Yes, interim reports have been received.
3. No.
4. Yes, and as a result five of the officials connected with the work have resigned. Yes, a report has been made by Mr. Henry Holgate, C.E., dated January 8, 1906.
5. (a) With reference to the embankment approach at the Peterborough lift lock, where the leaks occurred, the commissioner states in his report that \$2,000 should cover the expenditure in connection with the repairs to be made. The concrete walls approaches at Kirkfield leaked badly and were subsequently plastered with cement mortar, reducing the leaks materially, but it is impossible to say at the present time what the cost will be to insure permanent tightness. (b). No repairs are required to the lift lock at Peterborough, and the lift lock at Kirkfield is under construction.
6. Yes, specifications have been prepared; the necessary materials are being provided, and as soon as the weather permits, the work of repairs will be proceeded with under the officer of the department.

## LIFE INSURANCE COMMISSION.

Mr. A. B. INGRAM (East Elgin) moved :

For copies of all telegrams, reports, communications, investigations, letters and documents of every description, relating to the necessity of investigating the working of insurance companies doing business in the Dominion of Canada, including all correspondence, communications and other documents, whether advocating or opposing, or otherwise relating to the commission recently appointed for the