

W. B. MOORE, EMPLOYEE ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked :

1. For what reasons were the services of W. B. Moore, fuel inspector on the Intercolonial Railway, dispensed with?
2. When were they dispensed with?
3. Has a successor been appointed?
4. If so, when was he appointed and what is his name?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). The services of Mr. W. B. Moore as fuel inspector on the Intercolonial Railway were dispensed with as the office has been abolished. No one has therefore been appointed in his place.

MUNICIPALITY OF AMQUI.

Mr. Fiset asked :

Whether it is the intention of the Government to return to the municipality of the parish of Amqui the sum of one hundred dollars, which that municipality was compelled to pay for the construction of a railway crossing within the parish?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). My attention has only been recently called to this matter, and I have not been able to look into it. I shall take pleasure in doing so at the earliest possible moment.

MR. DOBSON, POSTMASTER.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked :

What is the date of the resignation of William Dobson as postmaster at Head of Tatamagouche, Colchester, N.S.? Has any one been appointed in his place? If so, what is the name of his successor, and when was he appointed? If no successor has been appointed, who keeps the office, and what are the charges, allowances or expenses for rent and services up to date?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). 1. He resigned on the 29th May, 1896. 2. The office has been offered to Hugh Macdonald and John Dobson, who successively declined it. 3. There has been no successor. 4. The office is understood to be in charge of John Dobson at the present date. The salary attached to it is \$28 per annum, which includes all charges, allowances and expenses.

THE BAIE DES CHALEURS RAILWAY.

Mr. PREFONTAINE (for Mr. Lemieux) asked :

Whether it is the intention of the Government to give effectual aid towards the extension of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway to Gaspé Basin? If so, is it the intention of the Government to cause the necessary surveys to be made as soon as the weather permits?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). When any responsible person or company

submit to the Government a proposition for the extension of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway to Gaspé Basin, the Government will be disposed favourably to consider the project, with the view of determining how far it shall receive material assistance.

J. SPROTT STEWART, POSTMASTER.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER (for Mr. Borden, Halifax) asked :

1. Has J. Sprott Stewart been dismissed or removed from the office of postmaster at Upper Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax?
2. If so, has he been dismissed or removed for any, and what cause?
3. If he has been dismissed or removed for cause, has any, and what complaint or charge been made against him, and by whom has such charge or complaint been made?
4. Has any, and what investigation been held respecting the matter of any such complaint or charge, and what opportunity has been afforded him of answering any such complaint or charge?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). 1. He has been dismissed. 2. For offensive political partisanship. 3. He was dismissed on representation of Mr. B. Russell, M.P. 4. There was no investigation.

RAILWAY SUBSIDY, NOVA SCOTIA.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER (for Mr. Borden, Halifax) asked :

Has the Government given any promise or other assurance of a subsidy in aid of the construction of a railway from Sunny Brae, in the county of Pictou, to any and what place in the county of Halifax or in the county of Guysboro', in Nova Scotia?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). No action has been taken by Government on the application for a subsidy in aid of the construction of a railway from Sunny Brae, in the county of Pictou, to any place in the county of Halifax or in the county of Guysborough.

COPYRIGHT ACT, 1889.

Mr. OSLER (for Mr. Ross Robertson) asked :

Has the Government further considered the Copyright Act of 1889? If so, what action has been taken in reference to the same?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). In view of the many objections advanced by the Colonial Office in permitting the Act of 1889 to go into operation, the Government have not, up to the present, further pressed the subject on the attention of the Colonial Office.

IMPORTS FROM BELGIUM.

Mr. QUINN (for Mr. Monk) asked :

1. Have representations been made to the Government by the Belgian Consulate in Canada with