

3. What amount has been paid to the contractor ?

4. Who had the contract for placing the posts and what is the price of this contract ?

5. What is the amount that has been paid for this last work ?

6. Were tenders asked for these works ?

7. What is the length of the said telegraph line between St. Alexis and Anse St. Jean ?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Sir Louis Davies). 1. \$4,509.76. 2. The poles were supplied by H. Tremblay, of Anse St. Jean, and J. N. Savard, of St. Alexis, for \$1.50 per pole. 3. Mr. Tremblay has received \$960 and Mr. Savard \$955.50. 4. The contract for placing the poles, the insulators, &c., &c., was given to Elzéar Boivin at the rate of \$50 per mile. 5. The total amount paid to Mr. Boivin is \$2,003.13. 6. An estimate was made by the department of the cost of construction and the parties above named were asked to submit a tender. In the case of the construction of the line the tender first made, which was \$60, was reduced by the department to \$50 and the agreement made on that basis. 7. 40 1-16 miles.

#### MRS. ROSS, TELEGRAPH OPERATOR.

Mr. GILLIES asked,

1. When were Mrs. Ross's services as telegraph operator at North-east Margaree, Inverness county, Cape Breton, dispensed with by the Government ?

2. How long was she in the employ of the Government as telegraph operator ?

3. Was she dismissed from her position, and if so, why ?

4. Were any complaints lodged against her in the department or with any member of the Government ? If so, by whom, and what were the complaints ?

6. Was an investigation held into the complaints, and if so, where, when, and by whom ?

6. Who is Mrs. Ross's successor as telegraph operator at North-east Margaree, and when appointed, and by whom recommended ?

7. What salary was paid Mrs. Ross, and what salary is being paid her successor ?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Sir Louis Davies). 1. 14th January, 1898. 2. Since the 1st January, 1889. 3, 4, and 5. Miss Ross was relieved of her duties on grounds deemed sufficient by the department. No investigation was deemed necessary. 6. Duncan J. Ross succeeded Miss Ross, on the 14th January, 1898, on recommendation of the Minister of Public Works. 7. The salary paid in both cases is a commission of 25 per cent on Government line tolls guaranteed to a minimum of \$50.

#### WHARF AT MACKAY'S POINT.

Mr. GILLIES asked,

1. Were tenders called for the building of the public wharf or pier at Mackay's Point, Inverness county, Cape Breton ?

Mr. MARCOTTE.

2. Who were the persons that tendered for this work, and the amount of each tender ?

3. Has the contract for this work been awarded, and if so, to whom, and what was the amount of the successful tenderer ?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Sir Louis Davies). Mackay's Point is known to the department as Judique, and tenders were called for a wharf at the latter place. 2. The following tenders were received :—

Simmons & Burpee, Gibson, N.B....	\$14,143
Donald McDonald, Centennial, Inverness county .....	15,000
J. B. McManus, Memramcook, N.B...	15,435
John Burns, Ottawa.....	15,960
D. W. B. Reid, John W. Reid, Edgar Archibald, Middle Musquodoboit, N.S.	17,550
John McMillan, Port Head, N.S.....	17,400
McDonald & Moffatt, Sydney, N.S..	17,550
Heney & Smith, Ottawa.....	18,123
John D. Reid, James W. Chisholm, Pugwash, N.S.....	19,545

3. Yes. The contract was given to the lowest tenderers, Messrs. Simmons & Burpee, for \$14,143.

#### BREAKWATER, SUMMERSIDE HARBOUR.

Mr. POWELL asked,

Were tenders asked for for the construction of a breakwater at Summerside Harbour, P.E.I., and if so, what are the names of the persons who tendered, and the amounts of their respective tenders ?

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES** (Sir Louis Davies). The contract has not yet been awarded to any of these tenderers, therefore it is not in the public interest to make the amount of the tenders known.

#### MAILS BETWEEN GOLDEN, B.C., AND ST. EUGENE.

Mr. FOSTER asked,

Who is the mail carrier between Golden, British Columbia, and St. Eugène ? How many times per week does he travel the route ? What does he get per year, and when did he receive the contract ? Who was the former contractor, and what the amount of his contract ?

The **POSTMASTER GENERAL** (Mr. Mulock). I must ask the hon. gentleman to make a motion covering the papers.

Mr. FOSTER. There are no papers asked for.

The **POSTMASTER GENERAL**. I am aware there are no papers ; but to answer these questions put here categorically would be quite misleading. I am desirous of having the fullest information furnished, and if the hon. gentleman will give notice of motion for a return, I will see that when the House takes up unopposed motions, it will be allowed to be carried at once.