

THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.

Mr. COATSWORTH (for Mr. Kaulbach) asked, Is it the intention of the Government to further promote the lobster industry in the maritime provinces by establishing one or more hatcheries in the county of Lunenburg, N.S. ?

Mr. COSTIGAN. The work is still in an experimental stage, and the suggestion that the hatching of lobsters might be economically carried on at or near the canneries, under the supervision of the fishery officers, is under consideration of the department.

FISHING LICENSES PAID TO NEWFOUNDLAND.

Mr. COATSWORTH (for Mr. Kaulbach) asked, When can the fishermen of the maritime provinces who have spent their money in license fees for bait to the Newfoundland Government, expect the refund of money, and to whom will the payment be made for disbursement ?

Mr. COSTIGAN. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries undertook to recover back from the Newfoundland Government fees collected from the Canadian fishing vessels under the Bait Act. Legal proceedings were instituted through the Department of Justice, by a local law firm, and some of the fees have already been recovered from the Newfoundland Government. The distribution of the money collected is awaiting the decision of the Department of Justice on certain law points, touching the law costs incurred in the suits against the Newfoundland Government. The portion of the fees which have been collected has in the meantime been placed to the credit of the Receiver General for Canada. The payments will be made to respective claimants as soon as the claims are finally adjusted.

CAPE BRETON RAILWAY.

Mr. McMULLEN asked, What is the gross amount of capital expenditure, for all purposes, on the Cape Breton Railway, up to 1st April, 1895 ? What are the gross receipts, under the following heads, for the several years the line has been operated, up to 1st April, 1895 : Cash receipts for freight carried ? Cash receipts for passengers carried ? Cash receipts for express carried ? Amount allowed for carrying the mails ? The gross amount of cash receipts, without the mail subsidy, from opening of the line to 1st April, 1895 ? The gross amount of expenditure, under the head of working expenses, from the opening of the line to the 1st April, 1895 ?

Mr. HAGGART. The gross amount of capital expenditure on Cape Breton Railway

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up to 1st April, 1895, is \$3,860,184.54. It is not possible to give the receipts or expenses of the Cape Breton Railway, as they are not kept separately from the receipts and expenses of the rest of the Intercolonial Railway system.

THE EMMANUEL ST. LOUIS CASE.

Mr. CASEY asked, What is the effect of the decision of Judge Desnoyers in the charge against Emmanuel St. Louis for having obtained \$144,874 by false pretenses with intent to defraud, and for having destroyed his books, papers, &c., whilst Her Majesty the Queen was his creditor, delivered on 13th May instant ? Is it open to the Government to take further criminal or civil proceedings against the said St. Louis ? Have any such proceedings been taken or is it the intention of the Government to take them ? If so, what and when, and what is the present state of such proceedings ?

Mr. HAGGART. The effect of the decision of Judge Desnoyers on the charge against Emmanuel St. Louis is a legal question. The question of further criminal proceedings against Mr. St. Louis is at present being considered by the Minister of Justice. The civil proceedings are being prosecuted.

Mr. CASEY. What is the present state of things ?

Mr. HAGGART. One case has gone in appeal to the Supreme Court, and the other is before the Exchequer Court.

Mr. CASEY. Cannot the Minister answer more fully ? I have asked, what proceedings have been taken, when they were taken, and what is the present state of such proceedings ?

Mr. HAGGART. The civil proceedings have been taken a couple of years ago, and the case is in appeal now, and is at present before the Supreme Court. That is, Mr. St. Louis' case. The proceedings in reference to recovery by the Government are at present being prosecuted, and were up for hearing before the Exchequer Court and will be again.

Mr. CASEY. Perhaps, if I let that part of the question stand, the Minister can answer more fully again.

Mr. HAGGART. I will try and give you a more exact statement.

Mr. CURRAN. The case is ready for trial.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Foster :

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means ; and the motion of Sir Richard Cartwright in amendment thereto.