

miles. The result was that the waters flowing off more slowly, remain too long a time on the land to permit of its being cultivated. Formerly, the floods, far from interfering with farming operations, were a help, inasmuch as they increased the fertility of the soil.

I must say that the government, since I have the honour of representing the county of St. John and Iberville, have caused surveys of the locality to be made. Reports have been forwarded. Unfortunately, the suggested works have not been carried out, and the farmers claim, and rightly so, that matters should be set right or some compensation granted to them.

Motion agreed to.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

Mr. BARKER—by Mr. Taylor—moved for :

Copies of all interim and other reports, plans, maps, accounts, statements, papers, documents, and correspondence in the possession of the government, relating to surveys for the western and eastern divisions, respectively, of the proposed Transcontinental Railway.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals). There are no such documents on record in the department.

Motion dropped.

Mr. BARKER—by Mr. Taylor—moved for :

Return showing :

1. The number and names of all persons employed by the government or otherwise in surveys for the purposes of the eastern division of the proposed Transcontinental Railway.
2. The date of the employment of each such person, his salary, the nature and term of his employment, and the portion of the survey on which he has been employed.
3. Whether such person was so employed by the government ; and if not, by whom.
4. The nationality of each such person, and his place of residence previous to such employment.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals). The government have no persons employed on the eastern division of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and, of course, the other information is not in the possession of the department.

Motion dropped.

RETURNS ORDERED WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

Return showing the names and number of all immigration agents employed on salary by the Dominion government from the 30th June, 1902, to 1st January, 1904, in Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, and Europe ; the salary paid to each agent, the amount allowed for expenses to each. Also the number of immigrants sent to Canada by each of the said agents.—Mr. Wilson.

Return showing the names and number of all the immigration agents employed on com-
Mr. DEMERS (St. John and Iberville).

mission by the Dominion government in Great Britain and Ireland, and in Europe, specifying the countries ; also the United States. Also how much commission is paid for each immigrant to each agent ; how many immigrants have been sent to Canada by each agent ; how much money has been paid to each agent as commission ; and how much has been allowed to each agent for expenses from 30th June, 1902, to 1st January, 1904.—Mr. Wilson.

Return showing the names and number of the officials in the employ of the government in Canada in connection with immigration ; the salaries of each ; the amount of money spent in Canada in connection with immigration ; the total expenditure in connection with immigration, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1903 ; the expenditure for advertising ; and the amount of expenditure on buildings, with names of places.—Mr. Wilson.

Copies of all petitions, memorials and correspondence respecting the half-breed allotment of scrip in Manitoba and the Territories up to date. Also copies of all reports and Orders in Council in connection therewith.—Mr. LaRivière.

Copies of all correspondence in connection with the cutting of any timber on Hope Island, in the Georgian Bay, by any person or persons during the years 1903-4.—Mr. Bennett.

Copies of all correspondence to date between the Department of Agriculture and the steamship companies, in regard to mechanical ventilation of ships' holds.—Mr. E. D. Smith.

Copies of all agreements made since January 1st, 1903, between the government of Canada and any transatlantic steamship companies receiving a bonus or subsidy from the government of Canada.—Mr. E. D. Smith.

Return showing the amount of money expended by the Dominion government on improving the navigation of the Saskatchewan river, in the Northwest Territories.—Mr. Davis—by Mr. McCreary.

Return showing the number of timber limits granted in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, between the years 1878 and 1896, inclusive ; and the mileage covered by said limits, together with the amount of money per mile received by the government for said timber limits. Also the number of limits that have been granted since the present government came into power, and the amount received per mile for the same.—Mr. Davis—by Mr. McCreary.

Copy of the report of Mr. McLeod, C.E., upon the continuation of the Trent Valley canal between Rice lake and Lake Ontario.—Mr. Ward—by Mr. Blain.

Copies of all correspondence respecting the sale, lease or rental of the Garrison Common to the city of Toronto, or to any private parties ; and also as to the acquirement of the land to be used by the permanent military forces ; together with all Orders in Council disposing of said Garrison Common, and acquiring the lands to be used for military purposes.—Mr. Clarke.

Copies of all correspondence since the first of March 1903, including reports, letters, telegrams, &c., between the government of Canada and any of its officers or engineers, or other persons, respecting the damage done to the island at Toronto by the waters of Lake Ontario ; also copies of any orders or instructions which have been issued respecting the works necessary or to be undertaken for the