

Mr. GRAHAM:

1. Yes, a petition was received, signed by the mayor, the Board of Trade and the business men of Dartmouth, representing the citizens generally.

2. The matter is under consideration by the department.

SCHOONER 'CRISSIE TOOMEY.'

\* Mr. CROSBY:

1. When was the schooner 'Crissie Toomey' purchased by the Marine and Fisheries Department, what was she purchased for, what was the price paid, and to whom was it paid?

2. What amount of money was expended on her after she was purchased?

3. What amount has been expended on her since she was purchased up to the present date, and where is the vessel now?

4. What does the department intend to do with her during the coming summer?

Mr. BRODEUR:

1. 23rd May, 1910; hydrographic survey work at Port Nelson, Hudson bay; \$9,000 paid to Robert Moulton of Burgeo, Newfoundland.

2 & 3. \$1,781.47; Halifax dockyard.

4. Going back to Port Nelson.

BOATS OF MARINE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

\* Mr. CROSBY:

1. Where have all the boats of the Marine and Fisheries Department of Nova Scotia been all winter?

2. Have they all been in commission? If not, what boats have been laid up, and what have those that have been in commission been doing?

3. What boats have been patrolling the coast this winter and what parts of the coast?

Mr. BRODEUR:

1. 'Lady Laurier,' in the Halifax agency. 'Montmagny' in the Halifax agency, 'Aberdeen' in the Halifax agency until the 13th December when she was laid up for repairs.

2. All the boats have not been in commission. 'Aberdeen' laid up on the 13th December for repairs. Boats in commission were engaged as follows: 'Lady Laurier' lighthouse and buoy work in Halifax agency. 'Montmagny' lighthouse and buoy work in Halifax agency. 'Aberdeen' lighthouse and buoy work in Halifax agency until 13th December. 'Stanley' belonging to St. John agency was employed during February and part of March releasing vessels from the ice in Nova Scotian ports.

3. The steamers 'Lady Laurier' 'Montmagny' and 'Stanley,' have been moving along the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia during the present winter. The 'Thirty Three' was kept in commission at Canso

until the end of January for the purpose of being available for the relief of fishermen in cases of emergency while the haddock fishery was prosecuted.

THE 'WANDA.'

\* Mr. SHARPE (Ontario):

1. What was the length over all of the boat 'Wanda'?

2. What is the motive power, electric or steam?

3. What is the size of the engine?

4. Was the usual ship's transfer register filled in on the government form when entered at port of Brockville?

5. If register was filled in, what are the particulars?

Mr. BRODEUR:

'Tenno' formerly 'Wanda.'

1. Registered length 64 feet.

2. Steam.

3. Triple expansion. Three cylinders, 6 in, 10 in, 16 in, 9 in stroke.

4. The steamer was duly registered at Brockville on the 20th day of October, 1909.

PROPOSED ARBITRATION TREATY BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. FOWKE:

Has the attention of the government been called to the recent speeches of Sir Edward Grey and President Taft in reference to a proposed arbitration treaty between the British Empire and the United States, and is the government prepared to express any opinion on the subject?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The attention of the government, and, it may be added, of the whole people of Canada, could not fail to be attracted to the proposition, now being discussed by Sir Edward Grey and President Taft, of a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States which would secure for them and their respective peoples the blessings of perpetual peace.

Whilst the government of Canada could have no direct voice in the negotiations, it can be safely asserted that there is no part of the British Empire where such a treaty would be more welcome than in the Dominion of Canada, which is so closely connected with the United States by geographical proximity and ever-increasing trade relations, and which is still more intimately connected with Great Britain by the strongest bonds of devoted allegiance.

LAND PATENTS.

Mr. STAPLES:

1. Has a patent been issued for S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 6, township 7, range 8, W. 1?

1. If so, to whom? If not, why not?

Mr. OLIVER:

1. No patent has been issued.