

DISMISSAL OF JACQUES FOURNIER.

Mr. TAYLOR (for Mr. Morin) asked :

Will the hon. the Postmaster General say why he has dismissed Jacques Fournier, postmaster of Magenta, in the county of Rouville?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). The answer to the question is "Yes."

Mr. TAYLOR. The hon. Postmaster General has not answered the question.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). Read it.

Mr. TAYLOR. The question is :

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The POSTMASTER GENERAL. Yes.

Mr. FOSTER. That is very smart, that is.

PUBLIC WHARF, IONA, VICTORIA, B.C.

Mr. SPROULE (for Mr. Bethune) asked :

On whose authority, and by whom were the repairs made to the public wharf at Iona, Victoria county, in 1896, examined, and on whose report was the amount asked for for said repairs not paid? Who were consulted by those making the examination as to the extent of said repairs? Was the person authorized to repair the wharf consulted before reporting to the Government? Was the cost of obtaining a pile-driver, removing portions of the old wharf, debris, &c., taken into consideration?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). In answer to the first part of the question, I would say that on the authority of the department the repairs were examined by Mr. C. A. Hutchins, inspector of lighthouses and marine works for Nova Scotia, and on his report the sum of \$148.72, which he considered a liberal estimate allowed, instead of \$259.85 claimed. A report has also been received by the department from Mr. Daniel M. McDonald, wharf builder and contractor, of Baddeck, in which he estimates the value at \$166.62. The department is not aware of any person being specially consulted as to the extent of repairs by those examining, nor did such consultation appear necessary as to the work spoke for itself. The department is not aware that the person authorized to make the repairs was consulted before a report as to cost of repairs was made to the Government. The cost of obtaining a pile-driver and removal of portions of old wharf, &c., was taken into consideration.

REGISTRATION OF PINPLATS.

Mr. McMULLEN asked :

Whether the Government has received a copy of the following resolution, passed in Buffalo, at

a meeting of the Board of Marine Inspectors, 12th March, 1897 :—

"At a meeting held at Buffalo by the Lake Underwriters to take joint action with all the Canadian underwriters, insuring grain cargoes from the Upper Lakes to Montreal; to have all barges known as pinplats, as their construction and material and model do not qualify them to carry grain on the Upper St. Lawrence River, as the results have shown it has been disastrous to all insurance companies insuring cargoes on board them, therefore, as a special request to the managers of the Canadian Inland Lloyds, we wish to have pinplats which have been engaged in carrying grain from Kingston, Prescott and Ogdensburg on what is known as the Upper St. Lawrence River to Montreal, not to class as standard barges in the Canadian Hull Register."

Do the Government intend to take any action on said resolution?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). The Department of Finance has received a copy of the resolution referred to, and the Department of Marine and Fisheries has an amount of correspondence in connection with the same matter. The whole subject is now receiving the very careful consideration of the Government.

REPORT OF HON. T. M. DALY.

Mr. FOSTER asked :

Has the report of the Hon. T. M. Daly on immigration from Europe been received by the Government? If so, will it be laid on the Table of this House?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Mr. Sifton). The Government has received this report, and I beg now to lay it on the Table of the House.

**THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE—
COLONIAL TROOPS.**

Mr. FLINT (for Mr. Domville) asked :

In view of the fact of the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, on the 22nd June, and the invitation extended to the colonies to send troops to London to take part in the ceremonies, that other colonies have already sent forward corps, the Australian contingent of cavalry having embarked on the 17th ultimo;

That the active militia of Canada consider they should be represented, and that all arms of the service—cavalry, field artillery, and infantry should send a quota in the shape of a small column, to be composed of one squadron cavalry, one battery field artillery and one battalion infantry, with the necessary staff of Canadian officers;

That the move made to send a subscription regiment is viewed with disfavour by many commanding officers, inasmuch as it is not representative, and subversive to discipline and the best interests of the service;

That in order to make the best selection of men and horses no time is to be lost;

That Canadian cavalry would be the means of showing to the best advantage the horses of Canada, and opening up a market for cavalry chargers; and as the militia of Canada are anxiously awaiting the action of the Government, it is necessary to know at an early date :