

CANADIAN TOBACCO REGULATIONS.

Mr. BOURBEAU enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to modify the Law and Regulations respecting the sale by retail of Canadian tobacco in the leaf?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would state to the hon. member that the intentions of the Government on this subject will be communicated to the House when the proposals with reference to the Tariff are placed before the House; before that period this cannot be done.

IMPROVEMENTS ON YAMASKA RIVER.

Mr. DUPONT (Translation) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to cause the works of improvement on Yamaska River to be continued during next summer, so as to render that river navigable from its mouth to the City of St. Hyacinthe, and, if so, what sum the Government intend to spend on those works during next summer?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN (Translation). I beg to inform the hon. member that it is the intention of the Government to continue the works already commenced. As to the amount which Parliament will be asked to vote therefor, the Estimates which will be laid before the House during this Session will give the answer, which I cannot give at present.

TRIAL OF JULIE BOISVERT.

Mr. CURRAN enquired, Whether any action has been taken by the Government with reference to the petition of about fifteen thousand citizens of Montreal, praying for an investigation into the trial of Julie Boisvert, convicted of murder, or if the Government intends to take action thereon?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I would answer my hon. friend, and also my hon. friend from East Montreal who made enquiry of me on the same subject, that the Government have taken action thereupon; they have held an investigation and have already received a report on the subject.

RAILWAY FROM EDMUNSTON TO RIVIÈRE DU LOUP.

Mr. GRANDBOIS enquired, Whether any railway company has taken advantage of the provisions of Chapter 14 of the Statutes of Canada, 45 Victoria, granting a subsidy of \$3,200 per mile, for a proposed railway from Edmunston to Rivière du Loup or Rivière Ouelle?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. No company has yet applied to take advantage of the provisions referred to in the question.

WHARF AT ST. JEAN PORT JOLI.

Mr. CASGRAIN (Translation) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to build, during next summer, the extension of the wharf at St. Jean Port Joli, according to the vote of last Session granting money for that purpose?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN (Translation). I have the honor to inform the hon. member in reply, that this subject is now under the consideration of my department.

SALES OR LEASES OF COAL LANDS.

Mr. BLAKE, in moving for copies of all applications for sales or leases, and all correspondence or reports touching, and leases of coal lands in the North-West, not already brought down; and statement of the payments made under any leases of coal lands, said: I observe, by the papers, that hon. gentlemen have altered seriously as to some particulars the regulations touching coal lands, and I presume that the

new regulations will be brought down in accordance with the Statute. I do not, therefore, move for them, but it will be material, in view of the proposed very serious modifications, to have in our hands, before we are called upon to judge of the propriety of permitting the new regulations to pass, all that has been done under the old ones, and particularly the existing leases of areas of coal lands.

Motion agreed to.

ALLOWANCES ON GOODS REQUIRED BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. BLAKE moved for copies of all correspondence, reports and Orders in Council, not already brought down, relating to the allowances proposed to be paid to the Canadian manufacturers of certain goods required by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; of all applications for such allowance and correspondence in connection therewith; a statement of the calculations on which the allowances have been based, and the estimate, in detail, of the probable sums payable out of the Treasury, in respect of each class of goods, assuming them to be made in Canada, to the extent of the Company's requirements, and of the *ad valorem* percentages of allowances on each such class. He said: This motion, with the exception of some additional papers asked for, is in the same words as one which I moved last Session. I need hardly say that if there is no alteration in the estimates made by the Government upon subsequent experience from that brought down last Session, I do not require them to be duplicated; but in case subsequent experience has indicated a change, it is that portion that I require.

Motion agreed to.

CUSTOMS SEIZURES.

Mr. BLAKE. Judging by the number of seizures made at the different ports of entry, it appears that the number of practical free-traders in this country is very largely on the increase, and with the view of informing the country and the House on that subject, I move:

For a statement showing the number of seizures made at each port of entry in the Dominion during the last fiscal year, and also during the six months ending the 31st December last,—the amount of fines exacted at each port during each of the said periods, and the manner in which the said fines are disposed of, giving the names of the officers receiving any portion thereof, and the amount received by each of such officers from said fund.

Mr. BOWELL. There is no objection to bringing down the return asked for. I merely desire to take exception to the statement made by the hon. leader of the Opposition, that free-traders are on the increase; the only difference being that the law is now enforced, which I regret to say was not the case when he was in power.

Motion agreed to.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Mr. BLAKE, in moving for a statement, in detail, of all sums expended in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway Commission, with dates and names of the persons paid, and particulars of the service in respect of which payment is made; copy of all correspondence, contracts, accounts or arrangements, not already brought down, as to the printing of the evidence or report, said: Last Session I moved for a return on this subject. Of course much has been paid and the business has been concluded since the date to which that return extended, and there is, therefore, more to be brought down. I observe, by the Public Accounts, that payments do not seem to have been concluded as late as the close of the last fiscal year. I am particularly anxious that hon. gentlemen opposite should look at the former return, which is very imperfect, in so far