

ed, no reply can be given to questions 4 and 5.

Conditions under which a lease may be issued for the exclusive right to dredge for gold in a part of the bed of Stewart River, a tributary of the Yukon River, North-west Territories.

1. It will be necessary for the successful tenderer to furnish evidence within three months from the date upon which his tender is accepted, establishing to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior his financial ability to carry on the proposed undertaking.

2. The returns of the survey of the one hundred consecutive miles of the river selected shall be filed in the Department of the Interior within two years from the date of the acceptance of the tender.

3. The term of the lease shall be twenty years, and the royalty 25 cents per ounce of gold on the gross production, shall be payable monthly during the season when the dredges are working.

4. A return under affidavit shall be made once in each year from the date of the lease, showing the progress made by the lessees in their undertaking.

5. If it is found that the lessees are not progressing with their work to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior, he may cancel the lease.

6. The lease shall be subject to the rights of all persons who have received, or may receive, entries for location under the mining regulations; provided that no one shall obstruct the river so as to stop the dredge from working or from passing up or down the river, or build wing-dams above or below any dredge within a distance of 1,000 feet; but the persons who have obtained entries in the manner described, shall not be prevented from depositing tailings in the river.

7. The privilege to be granted shall not be allowed to interfere in any way with the general right of the public to use the Stewart River for navigation and other purposes; the free navigation of the river shall not be impeded by the deposit of "tailings" in such manner as to form bars or banks in the channel thereof; the current or stream shall not be obstructed in any material degree by the accumulation of such deposits; and upon being satisfied that these conditions, or any of them, are not being complied with by the lessees, the Minister of the Interior may cancel the lease.

8. The lease to be issued shall reserve all roads, ways, bridges, drains and all other public works and improvements now existing, or which may hereafter be made in, upon or under any part of the river, and the power to enter and construct the same. It shall also provide that the lessees shall not damage or obstruct any public ways, drains, bridges, works and improvements now, or hereafter to be made, upon, in, over, through or under the river, and that they will substantially bridge or cover and protect all the cuts, flumes, ditches, and sluices, and all pits and dangerous places, at all points where they may be crossed by a public highway or frequented path or trail, to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior.

9. The lessees will also be granted the privilege of locating in sections of five miles or less in length and ten chains in breadth, ground in the bed of the river within the hundred miles selected that is not submerged at high water, but which is low and formed by the changing of the bed; but, before any dredging is done on any of these locations, entry therefor shall be obtained from the agent of Dominion Lands or other officer acting under authority of the Min-

ister of the Interior in that behalf in the district in which the claim is situated; and entry shall not be given for any portion of a location for which entry has been granted as a placer claim under the mining regulations, or for any portion which will interfere with the operations of any person holding an entry for a placer claim; and it shall be optional with the Minister of the Interior whether one or more locations may be entered for by the lessees at the same time. The royalty to be paid on the gross production from claims of this class shall be 25 cents per ounce of gold.

10. An area of land, not exceeding 160 acres, will be granted to the lessees free of charge for the construction thereon of works necessary for the prosecution of their operations, the grant to consist of such parcels, and to be situated at such points, as may be determined upon by the agent of Dominion Lands for the district or the officer acting under authority of the Minister of the Interior in that behalf; and such grant may be made upon application at any time after the agent or other officer has certified to the Minister of the Interior that not less than three dredges belonging to the lessees, properly equipped for mining operations, have arrived at Stewart River.

11. A permit will be issued to the lessees to cut whatever timber is required for the operation and maintenance of their works, upon payment of the dues prescribed by the timber regulations.

#### CASCUMPEC BUOY SERVICE.

Mr. MARTIN asked :

1. Have tenders been called for the Cascumpec buoy service in Prince Edward Island?

2. If so, did the notice calling for tenders contain the usual condition that the lowest or any tender need not be accepted?

3. If these words were omitted, what was the reason?

4. Has the contract been let, and at what figure?

5. Has the contract been awarded to the lowest tenderer? If not, why not? What is the name of the contractor?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). 1. Yes, tenders were invited up to the 21st April last. 2. The notice did not contain this condition; it was in the customary form. 3. Notices inviting tenders for buoy contracts have not in any instances contained this condition. 4. The tenders have not yet been determined upon by me. I only saw them an hour ago. Complaints have been made that sufficient time was not given to enable tenders to be made after the notices were posted up, which will be considered before a conclusion is reached.

#### CUSTOMS SUB-COLLECTOR, ORWELL, P.E.I.

Mr. MARTIN asked :

1. Who is acting as sub-collector or sub-inspector of customs at Orwell, in Prince Edward Island?

2. Is a permanent official to be appointed?

3. When did the services of the late sub-inspector or sub-collector terminate?

4. Was his salary paid up to the date of the termination of his services?