Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I think it is a memorable day when the departments are ahead of the desires of my hon. friend.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—With reference to this inquiry, the information asked for is confidential, and it would not be in the public interest to make it public. The hon. Mr. Landry will be given access to the information if he can make it convenient to call at the department.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I will not wait over a day for that.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—They will regard the communications of my hon. friend as confidential.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I might call on the department during the recess.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST IMMIGRANT RESTAURANT KEEPER AT QUEBEC.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired of the government:

Has the government actually in its employment or does it permit Jacques Dery, the restaurant keeper, to have in his employment, as a superintendent in the dining room, a woman by the name of Poitras?

Does the government know that this woman, according to the report of its officer, Mr. Blair, has been accused, among other things, of insulting immigrants and of conducting herself towards them in an uncivil manner?

Has this woman, as a result of these accusations and of an inquiry held into them, not been forced to abandon her position, upon the recommendation of the Immigration Department and upon the positive order of the former immigrant agent at Quebec?

If she is actually in the employment of the government, is it with the authorization of the present agent and to the knowledge of the department?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are as follows:

1. Madame Poitras is an employee of Mr. Dery; not of the government.

2. In one particular instance, some four years ago, she was so accused. There has been no other or subsequent complaint of her conduct.

3. No.

4. See answer to 1.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Then there is the question about the authorization.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The Department of Railways and Canals advise me that this would be extremely voluminous if answered as a question. They would be quite ready to give the information if it were asked for as a return.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Then I put it in the form of a return, with the understanding that as soon as it is ready it will be given. I know that they will not hasten too much.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—With the leave of the House change it to a return.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I have no objection.

The motion was agreed to accordingly.

CONTRACTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired:

What is the date of the contract signed by the government and Mr. Ernest Caron or the Shoe Manufacturing Company which occupies the former properties of the firm of Carrier & Lainé, of Levis?

For how many years has this property been leased?

At what yearly price?

Is the yearly price the same for the whole duration of the contract?

If not, in what is it variable and what is the variation?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are as follows:

1. Signed 23rd April, 1909.

2. Thirty years, to be computed from May 1st, 1909.

3, 4 and 5. $4,000 for the first ten years and $6,000 for the balance of the lease.

I think that closes our account for the present.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—There are a few more little matters, but I will write.