

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. All available odd-sections in these townships.
2. Answered by answer to question 1.
3. The north half of 1, all 3, 5, 7, north half and southwest quarter 9, south half and northwest quarter 13, west half 15, all 17, 19, 25, 27, 31, 33 and 35, township 18, range 12, west of the first meridian. All 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27 and 31, township 19, range 12, west of the first meridian. Southwest quarter 5, township 20, range 12, west of the first meridian.

INVERNESS, N.S., PUBLIC BUILDING.

Mr. BLAIN asked:

1. Is there a public building being erected by the government in the town of Inverness, Nova Scotia?
2. What is the material used in its construction?
3. From whom was the site purchased, and was there a building on the said site when purchased?
4. How was the building disposed of, to whom, and how much was received for said building?
5. Has any work been done on the public building within the last two months?
6. Who is the inspector, and when was he appointed?
7. Is the inspector an architect, mason, bricklayer or carpenter?
8. What are the duties of an inspector?
9. What amount has the inspector been paid for his services to date, and how much does he receive per day?
10. Has the inspector received any pay as inspector during the last two months?
11. Who is the contractor, and when is the work to be finished?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Acting Minister of Public Works):

1. Yes.
2. Brick building on stone foundation.
3. (a) From V. A. McLelland and John B. McLellan. (b) Yes.
4. Sold to John A. McRae for the sum of \$300.
5. Work not carried on during winter months.
6. Duncan A. McIsaac, appointed 15th August, 1906.
7. Mr. McIsaac was recommended as a competent man.
8. To supervise work and see that contract is carried out according to specifications and plans, to prepare estimates and reports.
9. (a) \$591 to March 1. (b) \$3 per day.
10. Paid up to March 1.
11. (a) E. F. Munro. (b). Completion 1st November, 1907.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY RETIRED SERVANTS.

Mr. FOSTER—by Mr. Blain—asked:

1. What question referred to the Minister of Justice for his opinion regarding the claims Mr. W. J. ROCHE.

of the retired servants of the Hudson Bay Company?

2. Has the Minister of Justice given his decision or report?
3. What is his decision or report?

Hon. A. B. AYLESWORTH (Minister of Justice):

1. The question whether the claims rested on any legal foundation.
2. Yes.
3. That the claims do not appear to have legal foundation.

MR. JOHN P. MALLOY—MR. IRA STRATTON.

Mr. STAPLES—by Mr. Schaffner—asked:

1. Is John Patrie Molloy, V.S., of the town of Morris, province of Manitoba, still in the employment of the government as veterinary inspector? If not, when did he resign?
2. How much was paid him during the years 1905 and 1906?
3. Is Ira Stratton still postmaster at Stonewall? If not, when did he resign?
4. Who is now postmaster at Stonewall?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture):

1. No. He wired his resignation on the 25th February last, which resignation was accepted on the 28th February.
2. 1905, salary, \$440; expenses, \$655.87; \$1,095.87. 1906, salary, \$1,249.98; expenses, \$1,340.95; \$2,590.93—\$3,686.80.

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Postmaster General). In answer to question 3, Mr. Stratton resigned the 9th of March, 1905. Miss Barbara Stratton is now postmistress at Stonewall.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

Mr. A. LAVERGNE—by Mr. Talbot—asked:

1. What measures have been taken by the Postmaster General for the spread of the French language as the requirements of the department, of business and of the population demand?
2. Will the Postmaster General have postage stamps issued this year in French and in English?
3. Will the post office stamps that bear the name of the office, the date of the arrival or of the sending off of letters, &c., be printed in French as well as in English, as the laws of the Dominion require?

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Postmaster General):

1. All necessary measures have been provided for in the Post Office Department to meet the requirements of the public such as the printing in both languages of:

All general and special circulars of instructions to postmasters;
Annual Official Postal Guide;
Supplements to Postal Guide;
Postmaster General's Report.
Postal Notes;
Postal Note forms and books;