

asked, what are you going to do? We are going to have a tariff for revenue, and we are going to abolish completely all the duties on raw materials."

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). My hon. friend, I am sure, is quite aware that the words which he has just quoted have been used by his leaders again and again without their taking the trouble, which he now takes, to ascertain their authenticity. I may tell him that I shall not be at all offended if he shows no more scruples on this matter than they did.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

Mr. TISDALE asked,

Does the Government contemplate making any administrative changes in the Royal Military College of Canada? Will the Government, before taking final action in this matter, explain to the House the grounds of any such intended changes and communicate all correspondence referring to the subject, together with the Commandant's report for the year ending 30th June, 1896, and any opinions he may have submitted in reply to references to him on the question?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE (Mr. Borden). The commandant of the Royal Military College at Kingston having resigned his position, his resignation has been accepted, and steps have been taken to replace him. Should any other change be required or become necessary, the matter will be duly considered by the Government. All correspondence on this subject was laid before the House last session and printed, except a supplementary report of the Board of Visitors, dated November 8, 1895, which appears to have been suppressed, and a report of the late commandant, dated 30th June, 1896, copies of both of which are being prepared and will be laid on the Table of the House.

FISHERY OVERSEER McBRIDE.

Mr. HAGGART asked,

1. Has Patrick McBride, Overseer of Fisheries for Prince County, been dismissed from the service?

2. If so, what charges were preferred against him, and who investigated them?

3. Has his successor been appointed, and what is his name?

4. Was Mr. McBride appointed by Order in Council?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). 1. Yes. 2. He was dismissed with a view of increasing the efficiency of the service. 3. No. 4. Yes.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. HACKETT asked,

1. Have James Currie and Sylvain Wedge, trackmen on the Prince Edward Island Railway, been dismissed?

Mr. McDUGALL.

2. What charges were preferred against them, and who authorized their dismissal?

3. Have others been appointed in their places?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). Both James Currie and Sylvain Wedge have been dismissed. They were not considered satisfactory men, beyond this no special charges were preferred against them. The superintendent was ordered by the general manager to dismiss them. Others have been appointed in their places.

SALE OF NEWSPAPERS, ETC., ON INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Mr. CHOQUETTE asked,

Who has the contract for the sale of newspapers, &c., on the Intercolonial between Lévis and Campbellton? Was it granted under tender to the lowest tenderer? What is the price? When does it expire?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). 1. The Canada Railway News Company have the contract for the sale of newspapers, &c., on the Intercolonial Railway between Lévis and Campbellton. 2. The contract was not granted under tender to the lowest tenderer. It was granted under tender to the highest tenderer. 3. The price for the whole line, excepting between Truro and Sydney, is:

For the first year—Cash.....	\$2,875 00
Advertising.....	500 00
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	\$3,375 00
" second year—Cash.....	\$2,975 00
Advertising.....	500 00
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	\$3,475 00
" third year—Cash.....	\$3,075 00
Advertising.....	500 00
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	\$3,575 00

The contract expires on 1st April, 1899. The tender was accepted on 7th March, 1896. The contract is dated 24th March, 1896.

POINT CLARK LIGHT KEEPER.

Mr. CAMERON asked,

1. Have complaints been made to the Department of Marine and Fisheries, or any other department, against Mr. Rae, the lighthouse-keeper at Point Clark?

2. What were the nature of such complaints?

3. Has any disposition been made thereof? If so, what? If not, why?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). 1. Mr. Noble, foreman of works, in December last reported that John Rae, from intoxication was not giving proper attention to light. 2. Absenting himself to attend a funeral, returned in a state of intoxication and unable to attend to his light. 3. No. Rae was allowed to