

of giving public buildings to all these small places, at least put the onus upon them of supplying the sites. That will be a buffer between the government and the demand of these small places for public buildings. I believe it would often have the effect of preventing their construction; and in cases where it did not, the country would at least be saved the cost of the site.

Mr. CASGRAIN. Who is this R.W. Johnston? Is he in the employ of the government.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. He certainly is not in the employ of the Public Works Department. I am not acquainted with him.

Mr. MONK. When was the money paid?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. It was paid on the joint order of the agent of the government at Valleyfield and Mr. R. B. Johnston.

Mr. CASGRAIN. Is it R. B. Johnston or R. W. Johnston? In the answer given by the minister the other day it was R. W.

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The memorandum of the deputy says R. B. Johnston.

Mr. MONK. When was the money paid?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. The date of the cheque is not stated here. There was some delay in the Department of Justice after the Order in Council was passed; but so far as the deputy minister can remember, it was about the end of January.

Hon. Mr. TARTE. I instructed Mr. Dandurand to secure the site without the knowledge of the sitting member. I suppose Mr. Dandurand arranged with Mr. Johnston so that he might purchase the site from Mr. Loy without Mr. Loy knowing that it was being purchased for the government. Mr. Dandurand did not let anybody know for whom the site was purchased. All who know Valleyfield know that my hon. friend could have sold the site at a greater price than we paid. Property is going up there by leaps and bounds.

Some resolutions reported.

On motion of the Minister of Finance, House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

George Davidson Grant, Esq., member for the electoral district of the North Riding of the

county of Ontario, introduced by the Postmaster General (Hon. Sir William Mulock) and Mr. Holmes.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 34) to incorporate the Edmonton and Peace River Railway Company.—Mr. Oliver—by Mr. Scott.

Bill (No. 35) to incorporate the Coast Yukon Railway Company.—Mr. Macpherson.

Bill (No. 36) respecting the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Company.—Mr. Ball.

QUESTIONS.

COMMANDERS OF GOVERNMENT STEAMERS.

Mr. BELL asked:

1. What are the names of the commanders of government steamers on the Atlantic, the great lakes and the Pacific?

2. What are the salaries of these commanders respectively to be for the ensuing year?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Hon. Raymond Préfontaine):

1. Names of captains of government steamers on the Atlantic coast are as follows:

Captain Finlayson, steamer 'Minto'; Capt. Bélanger, 'Aberdeen'; Capt. Knowlton, 'Osprey'; Capt. Pratt, 'Curlew'; Capt. Kent, 'Kingfisher'; Capt. May, 'Constance'; Capt. Bissett, 'Lansdowne'; Capt. McKinnon, 'Brant'; Capt. Johnson, 'Lady Laurier'; Capt. Milne, 'Acadia'; Capt. Chalifour, 'La Canadienne.'

Names of the captains of the government steamers on the great lakes are as follows:

Captain Dunn, cruiser, 'Petrel'; Capt. Zealand, steamer, 'Lord Stanley.'

On the Pacific coast: Captain Walbran, steamer, 'Quadra'; Capt. Newcombe, steamer, 'Kestrel.'

2. The salaries of most of these captains have not yet been determined upon for the ensuing season, and are now under consideration.

DUTY ON FOREIGN TOBACCO.

Mr. CLANCY asked:

What is the amount of duty collected on foreign raw leaf tobacco for the fiscal year, 1902?

The MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE (Hon. M. E. Bernier). By Inland Revenue Department, \$1,137,279.05. By Customs Department, \$33.60.

MILITARY RESERVE AT PORT MOODY.

Mr. EARLE asked:

Does the Canadian government claim jurisdiction over the military reserve situate at the entrance to Port Moody, opposite the Barnet saw-mill, on Burrard Inlet, British Columbia; which reserve is said to consist of a narrow strip of rocky land, about a hundred chains in