

"Owing to the decision of the Government not to continue H.M.C. Ships *Niobe* and *Rainbow* in full commission, the course of exercises and training for these ships has been discontinued, and they are at present manned by nucleus crews." At what date was the decision referred to in the above paragraph arrived at?

2. Was the said decision expressed in an Order in Council, or other written document or memorandum?

3. If so, will the full text of the said decision be laid before Parliament?

*Mr. Sinclair*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. What reply was given by the Government to the application of the lobster packers of the Maritime Provinces, asking for the close season for lobster packing during the year 1915?

2. Was the question submitted to the Fisheries Advisory Board?

3. Has a decision been reached? If so, what is the decision?

*Mr. Sinclair*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Has an investigation been made regarding the quality of the boots supplied to the Department of Militia and Defence for the use of the Canadian Volunteers?

2. If so, who made this investigation and has the inquiry been closed?

3. Will the results of the inquiry be laid before Parliament?

*Mr. Sinclair*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—How many aliens were enrolled at the various Government offices opened for that purpose since the 4th of August, 1914?

*Mr. Sinclair*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. How many vessels of all kinds were withdrawn from the Canadian Shipping Registry since July 1, 1914?

2. What is the gross tonnage of such vessels?

3. What are the countries to the registry of which such vessels were transferred?

4. What is the number and tonnage of all vessels added to the Canadian Shipping Registry since July 1, 1914?

*Mr. Carvell*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Is the Intercolonial Railway operating any portion of the Valley Railway, so called, in New Brunswick? If so, between what stations?

2. Is the said Railway being operated by the I.C.R. between Fredericton and Gagetown? If not, why not?

3. Is not the said Railway completed between Fredericton and Gagetown for a distance of about 30 miles?

4. Is the present operation under the Statutes and Leases made in 1912?

5. What proportion of the gross receipts, under present arrangements, goes to the Railway Company and the Province of New Brunswick?

*Mr. Carvell*—On Monday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. With what persons, firms or corporations has the Department of Agriculture, or any other Department of the Government of Canada, contracted for hay for the British Government, since the first day of August last past?

2. How much hay has been delivered by each of the said persons, firms or corporations since that date, and the places of delivery thereof?

3. What price, or prices, was paid to each of the said persons, firms or corporations for the hay when delivered to the Government, and the several ports or points of delivery?