

## WEST INDIA MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. FORBES asked whether the Government has accepted any tender for the conveyance of mails between the British West Indies, foreign West Indies and British Guiana and the Dominion of Canada during the present year; if so, when will the service commence, will it be fortnightly or monthly; to whom was the contract awarded, and what is the amount of contract; also, what is the length of contract.

Hon. D. A. MACDONALD—Tenders are received but not accepted, and the matter is now engaging the attention of the Government.

## CANADIANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. MASSON asked whether it is the intention of the Government to extend to Canadians who have emigrated to the United States and other immigrants the advantages which they propose to extend to Menonites.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—As I stated the other night when the estimates were before the House, the Government have the matter under consideration, and they will see what can be done.

## STORM SIGNALS.

Mr. FORBES asked whether any provision has been made to render the storm signals throughout the Dominion, more reliable by an appropriation sufficiently large to accomplish the same; also, whether any arrangement has been entered into with Telegraph Companies to forward information to stations at the earliest possible moment.

Hon. Mr. SMITH said the Government were endeavoring to secure more reliable information, but not by an increase of the appropriation. They had made arrangements with the Telegraph Companies to obtain information at the earliest possible moment.

## AGENT GENERAL OF CANADA.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER asked who performed the duties of Agent General of Canada at the office in London, during the absence in this country of that officer, in September and October last.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—There were no duties to perform except those connected with emigration and those were discharged by the senior clerk.

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## ENROLMENT OF RESERVE MILITIA.

Mr. LITTLE asked whether it is the intention of the Government to cause an enrolment of the Reserve Militia to take place this year.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—It is not the intention of the Government to do so.

## NAVAL STATION AT ESQUIMAULT.

Mr. ROSCOE asked whether the Government have taken any steps to carry out No. 9 of the terms of Union with British Columbia, which is "the influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continual maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimault."

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The question of continuing or discontinuing the Naval Station by the Imperial Government at Esquimault has never come before the Government in any way, but communication has been made in that interest from the point of view the hon. gentleman desires.

## "HANSARD" REPORTS.

Mr. FARROW asked whether it is the intention of the Government to have printed and bound an extra number of copies of the *Hansard Reports*, so that members desirous of receiving copies may have the privilege of purchasing them at a reasonable price.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—The hon. gentleman will remember that this matter is entirely in the hands of the House, and unless the House makes an order on the subject the Government have nothing to do with it. Perhaps the Acting Chairman in this House of the Printing Committee will state if anything has taken place in committee on this matter?

Mr. ROSS (West Middlesex)—The contractor for the printing is printing an edition of 500 over and above that required by it, and those extra copies can be purchased.

## ONTARIO LAND GRANT IN AID OF CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE asked whether the Government had had any communication with the Ontario Government on the subject of a Land grant in aid of so much of the Canada Pacific Railway as passes through Ontario; and if so, whether the Govern-