

QUESTIONS.

RECRUITING—PERMANENT FORCES.

Mr. COCKSHUTT—asked :

1. At what points in the Dominion has recruiting been carried on for the permanent forces during the present year up to May 8th ?
2. How many men have been recruited at each point visited ?
3. What is the number recruited for each arm of the service ?
4. What is the total number recruited ?
5. Is it the intention of the government to cause recruiting in England for the Canadian permanent forces, or is such recruiting now going on ?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (for Minister of Militia) :

1. Ontario.—Alexandria, Almonte, Arnprior, Belleville, Berlin, Brantford, Brockville, Carleton Place, Cornwall, Cobourg, Chatham, Deseronto, Ganoquoque, Georgetown, Guelph, Hamilton, Lindsay, London, Millbrook, Morrisburg, Napanee, Oshawa, Ottawa, Perth, Pembroke, Peterborough, Petrolia, Picton, Port Hope, Prescott, Renfrew, Sarnia, Sharbot Lake, Smith's Falls, Stratford, St. Catharines, St. Mary's, Toronto, Trenton, Tweed, Watford, Whitby, Woodstock, Walkerville, Windsor, Yarker. Quebec.—Acton Vale, Coaticook, Cookshire, Cowansville, Drummondville, Granby, Magog, Megantic, Montreal, Richmond, Sherbrooke, Stanbridge, Stanstead, Sutton, St. Hyacinthe, Waterloo, West Farnham. New Brunswick.—Moncton, St. John. Nova Scotia.—Halifax, New Glasgow, Pictou, Sidney, Truro. Prince Edward Island.—Charlottetown.

2. There is no record at headquarters.

3. Royal Canadian Dragoons, 37. Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles, 20. Royal Canadian Field Artillery, 35. Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, 35. Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry, 215.

4. Total, 417.

5. Application has been made to the imperial authorities to permit of some 30 to 40 artillery reservists being enlisted in that arm of the service of the Canadian permanent force.

POSTMASTER AT KENTVALE.

Mr. BOYCE—asked :

1. Who is the postmaster at Kentvale, Ont. ?
2. Who were his sureties ?
3. When was he appointed ?
4. Who was the former postmaster there ?
5. When did he vacate the office ?
6. Was he discharged ? If so, for what reason ?
7. Has the post office been removed from the site on which it was established ? If so, when, and for what reason ?
8. Where is it now established ?
9. Has any protest been made against such removal ?
10. If so, how was such protest dealt with ?
11. What is the salary attached to the office ?

Hon. Sir WILLIAM MULOOCK (Postmaster General) :

The former postmaster at Kentvale was F. B. Kent. On the 4th January last, he was directed to be removed from his office because of his having been an active political partisan during the last Dominion election, and also with a view to removing the office to a more convenient site. The present postmaster is John Rousseau, who was directed to be appointed on the 4th of January, 1905. He is insured under the assessment system. Instructions were given to the inspector to transfer the office to the new site, and the department is not aware whether such transfer has actually taken place. A petition against the change in the location was presented, but the decision of the 4th January last has been adhered to. The salary is \$25.

FISHERY OVERSEERS IN COLCHESTER.

Mr. LAURENCE—asked :

1. How many fishery overseers are there in office in the electoral district of Colchester ?
2. What are their names, what is their remuneration, and the names of the rivers over which they have care or jurisdiction ?
3. Does the government assume the duty and responsibility of enforcing the laws and regulations respecting the preservation of the inland and coastal fisheries of Canada ?
4. Is the law regarding the pollution of rivers, especially in respect to depositing sawdust and other substances therein, being enforced ? If so, by what officials ?
5. Does the government contemplate any efforts to restore or revive the shad fisheries of the Bay of Fundy ? If so, what scheme for the revival of said fisheries has been decided upon ?
6. Have the federal and provincial governments completed any agreement or understanding in regard to the protection and preservation of the river, lake and coastal fisheries of Canada ?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (for the Minister of Marine and Fisheries) :

1. Three.

2. J. W. Davidson, salary \$100 per year. E. H. McGregor, salary \$100 per year. G. W. Henderson, salary \$75 per year. Each of these overseers has jurisdiction over the whole county of Colchester.

3. Yes.

4. Yes ; by the federal fishery officers.

5. Yes ; provision has already been made for the construction of a shad hatchery.

6. The federal government, by constitution, possesses the sole right to legislate for the protection of the sea-coast and inland fisheries. No agreement in this connection is therefore necessary. There is a question pending between the Dominion and the provinces regarding rights of fishery below low-water mark in tidal waters. While this is undecided, by arrangement with the local governments, the federal government is continuing the policy obtaining before the Privy Council decision, with regard to fishery