

vised the minister as to the experience and integrity of Mr. Dargarvel, and I presume it was either wholly or largely upon Mr. Tolmie's advice that he was appointed inspector.

Mr. BENNETT. What was the other tenderer's name?

Mr. PUGSLEY. The hon. gentleman did not ask for the other tenderer's name and I have not the information here.

#### THE COASTING TRADE.

Mr. STANFIELD asked :

1. Under existing legislation can Norwegian ships which are British built change their flags and engage in coastwise trade in Canada?

2. After January 1, 1909, is there any existing legislation which will prevent Norwegian ships, which are British built, changing their flags and engaging in coastwise trade in Canadian waters?

3. Under existing legislation can foreign-built ships which are British-owned engage in coastwise trade in Canadian waters, by obtaining a license from the Minister of Customs without reference to the Governor in Council?

4. After January 1, 1909, is there any existing legislation which will prevent foreign-built ships British-owned from obtaining a license from the Minister of Customs without reference to the Governor in Council, permitting such ships engaging in coastwise trade in Canadian waters?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs) :

1 and 2. Under existing legislation Norwegian ships which are British built may become British registered ships and may then engage in coastwise trade in Canada, both prior to and after 1st January, 1909.

3 and 4. Under the law respecting the coasting trade of Canada, foreign built ships which have been British registered since 1st September, 1902, are required to pay 25 per cent duty before obtaining a license to engage in the coasting trade. Such license may be issued by the Minister of Customs under authority of statute without order in council. There is no legislation changing these provisions as to payment of duty and issue of license after 1st January, 1909.

#### BELLEVILLE HARBOUR.

Mr. PORTER—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. Has the government authorized or permitted in any way the commissioners of Belleville harbour to issue bonds or debentures or any other form of security upon the harbour or revenue thereof? If so, in what form, for what amount, and when?

2. How were such bonds, debentures, or other securities, if any, disposed of, to whom, upon what terms, for what purpose, and what rate of interest do they bear?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) :

1. Yes, approval by the Governor General in Council on August 16, 1906, \$12,000 at 5 per cent. 15 years.

2. Twelve debentures of \$1,000 each dated October 1, 1906. Interest payable each year October 1. Principal payable October 1, 1921. Sold to Mrs. M. N. McKenna, 6 debentures, No. 1 to 6; Rev. R. N. Adams, 2 debentures, Nos. 7 and 8; W. J. Andrews, 2 debentures, Nos. 9 and 10; Quinlan & Robertson, 2 debentures, Nos. 11 and 12. Interest, 5 per cent. Sold for cash and at par. They were issued for the purpose of paying balance due for building the revetment wall.

#### HOMESTEAD LOCATION OF FRED HINTZ.

Mr. PORTER—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. Has the person appointed to investigate the location of Fred. Hintz for the northeast quarter of section 32, township 36, range 16, west second meridian, and the alleged purchase by him or some one for him, of the rights of Peter Sorenson as a homesteader of said lands, yet made a report thereon?

2. Will such report be brought down, and when?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) :

1. Homestead Inspector Gibson was instructed on the 6th of March, 1908 to investigate and report. The report has not yet come to hand.

2. The report will be brought down without delay after it reaches the department.

#### IMPORTATION OF REGISTERED CATTLE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. CHRISTIE asked :

1. How many registered cattle were imported from the United States to Canada duty free during the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, respectively?

2. How many registered horses were imported from the United States to Canada duty free during the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, respectively?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs) :

1. Cattle for improvement of stock imported into Canada from the United States (as per home consumption entries) :

Fiscal year ending 30th June, 1904, 765

“ “ “ “ 1905, 478

“ “ “ “ 1906, 423

Nine months ending March 31, 1907, 151

2. Horses for improvement of stock imported into Canada from the United States, registered or found on inspection to have the properties and qualifications essential to improvement of breed (as per home consumption entries) :

Fiscal year ending 30th June, 1904 551

“ “ “ “ 1905, 606

“ “ “ “ 1906, 631

Nine months ending March 31, 1907, 538