

ferred to cannot be removed, nor can the land be opened for settlement without their consent, the land having been reserved for the use of the Indians by treaty.

#### SUMMERSIDE HARBOUR SURVEY.

Mr. LEFURGEGY asked :

Was a survey made by a competent engineer of Summerside Harbour during the years 1899 or 1900? If so, what was the engineer's name, and has he reported? What depth of water in the channel does the report show? Did the engineer recommend the deepening of the channel by dredging, or otherwise? If so, what steps have been taken by the government to carry out his recommendations? What is the depth of the water in the channel by latest surveys and reports?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. Israel Tarte): There has been no survey by the department since 1897.

#### SUMMERSIDE BREAKWATER.

Mr. LEFURGEGY asked :

Were tenders invited during the years 1899 or 1900 for the building of a breakwater at Summerside Harbour, Prince County, P.E.I.? If so, how many tenders were received, what were the names of the parties tendering, and amounts of their respective tenders? To whom was the contract awarded, and amount of contract? Was any date fixed for the commencement and completion of the contract, and if so, what were the dates? Has the contractor commenced operations, and to what extent?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Hon. J. Israel Tarte):

1. Yes.
2. Five.

McDonald & Moffat.....	\$55,900
Reid & Archibald.....	74,490
R. B. Holman .....	75,090
R. C. McLeod .....	84,000
Wm. Bermingham .....	104,000

3. Contract awarded to McDonald & Moffat, for \$55,900.

4. Work to commence immediately after signing contract, May 25, 1900; to be completed in eighteen months, or November 25, 1901.

5. Nothing has been done yet.

#### WEST PRINCE ELECTION—THEFT OF BALLOT-BOX.

Mr. HACKETT asked :

Is the government aware that a ballot-box, containing the ballots cast at Greenmount, Poll No. 5, on November 7, 1900, was stolen from the government railway train between Alberton and Summerside, on or about the 10th day of November last, when said ballots were ordered by Judge McLeod to be produced before him for recount in the West Prince election? What action, if any, has been taken by the government to discover the thief and have him brought to justice?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The government has received no information on that subject.

Mr. SIFTON.

#### TOBACCO DUTIES.

Mr. HENDERSON asked :

1. What was the total amount of duty collected on tobacco for the year ended June 30, 1900?
2. How much of this amount was due to the additional duty imposed in the session of 1897?

The MINISTER OF INLAND REVENUE (Hon. M. E. Bernier):

1. Total duty collected on tobacco, including license fees, \$3,281,639.48.
2. Of this amount \$971,977.60 is owing to duty placed on raw leaf in April, 1897.

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Hon. Wm. Paterson):—

1. The total amount of customs duty collected on tobacco for the year ending June 30, 1900, was \$140,946.47.
2. The amount due to additional duty imposed in the session of 1897 was \$20,017.58.

#### INDIAN CORN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Mr. HENDERSON asked :

1. How many bushels of Indian corn were imported into Canada from the United States in the years ending June 30, 1899 and 1900, respectively; also, the total value thereof for said years, respectively?
2. How many bushels of Indian corn, not the produce of Canada, were exported from Canada in the years ending June 30, 1899 and 1900, respectively; also, the total value thereof for said years, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Hon. Wm. Paterson):

Statement of Indian corn imported from the United States, for years ending June 30, 1899 and 1900:—

	1899.	Bushels.	\$
Indian corn for distillation..	810,096		278,113
Indian corn, N.E.S. (free)...	23,342,814		8,996,890
Exports same period .....	16,009,847		6,362,683
	1900.	Bushels.	\$
Indian corn for distillation..	607,544		201,515
Indian corn, N.E.S. (free)...	17,502,639		6,961,970
Exports same period .....	11,758,882		4,757,595

#### SOUTH AFRICAN WAR—PAYMENT OF 'C' BATTERY CONTINGENT.

Mr. HENDERSON asked :

1. Is it the intention of the government to pay all the men of 'C' Battery, which served in South Africa, the full amount promised them, out of the Canadian treasury?
2. If so, when will such payment be made to the men who did not assign their pay to relatives on leaving the country?

The MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE (Hon. F. W. Borden). I am advised by the officers of my department that the men and officers of 'C' Battery have already been paid all they are entitled to under the Act of last session, by which the money was voted to the contingents serving in South Africa.