

whom, and how long has the money been owing? 4. Is it the intention of the Government to enforce payment of the sums so due?

Mr. WOOD (Brockville). I must ask the hon. member to move an order of the House for the purpose of obtaining the information asked. Too much time would be occupied in preparing an answer to this question, and the former part forms part of the subject which the hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Miller) has asked the Public Accounts Committee to inquire into, and that is as to the arrears due the department, a return in respect of which the officers of the department are now engaged in preparing. That return will, no doubt, be ready when the House meets again.

#### WATER LOTS ON ST. LAWRENCE.

Mr. TISDALE (for Mr. Reid) asked, In what position is the controversy between the Dominion and the Ontario Governments as to the right of the respective Governments to issue patents of the water lots lying in front of the municipalities bordering on the River St. Lawrence, and is the Government aware of the fact that the Ontario Government are issuing patents with a reservation clause protecting them in the event of it being decided hereafter that the Dominion Government are vested with the right? Has a case been prepared, or if not, is it the intention of the Government to prepare a case for submission to the proper tribunal for a decision?

Mr. DALY. The question of the right to issue grants of water lots in the great lakes, the River St. Lawrence, &c., has been submitted to the Supreme Court for decision, and it is probable that the case will be

argued at the next sitting of the court. The Government has no information on the subject of the issue of patents by the Government of Ontario in the matter.

#### CONTROLLER OF CUSTOMS.

Mr. INNES (for Mr. Somerville) asked, How many private secretaries does the Controller of Customs employ in his department, and what are their names?

Mr. IVES. The Controller of Customs is not in his seat, but I have the answer here. The Controller has only one private secretary and his name is J. R. K. Bristol.

#### INDIAN RESERVES IN QU'APPELLE VALLEY.

Mr. DAVIN asked, Whether there is any intention to lease certain lands forming part of the Indian Reserves in the Qu'Appelle Valley, near Fort Qu'Appelle, to certain persons for the purpose of giving them the sole shooting privileges over such lands?

Mr. DALY. No.

#### FISH IMPORTED FROM FRANCE.

Mr. COATSWORTH (for Mr. Kaulbach) asked, What is the quantity of dry fish, also pickled fish, imported from France or any of her dependencies into the Dominion of Canada, in the years 1891-92-93 and 1894; the ports at which they were entered, and the amount of duty collected on each description?

Mr. IVES. The following is a statement of the quantity and value of salted and pickled fish imported into Canada from France and her dependencies during the undermentioned years:—

1891.	Countries whence Imported.	Imported.		Entered for Consumption.		Duty Collected.
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Halifax— Cod, haddock, ling, &c., salted	St. Pierre.	Lbs. 2,985,155	\$ 116,401	Lbs.	\$	\$ cts.
1893.						
Halifax— Cod, haddock, &c., salted.	do	1,386,090	52,107	182	8	0 91
Port Hood— Halibut, pickled.	do	1,200	18	1,200	18	12 00
1894.						
Montreal— Cod, haddock, salted.	do	200	8	200	8	4 00
Herring, pickled	do	4,000	60	4,000	60	20 00
Salmon, pickled.	France.	59	6	59	6	0 59
Halifax— Cod, haddock, salted.	St. Pierre.	4,440,256	168,656			
Lunenburg— Cod, haddock, salted.	do	498,192	18,509	3,724	132	18 62
Totals.		9,315,152	355,765	9,365	232	56 12