

Hon. Mr. HAGGART. We want to have it before the Interior estimates come up.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. There will be no delay.

RAILWAY STATION AT ALBERTON, P.E.I.

Mr. HACKETT asked :

1. Is it the intention of the government to construct a new railway station at Alberton, in Prince County, P.E.I., this year ?

2. Will they construct it of brick, which are manufactured in plenty at that place and vicinity ?

3. Is it the intention to deflect the track so as to avoid the 'Y' nuisance that now exists ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

1. The construction of a new station at Alberton is under consideration.

2. If constructed, it will probably be of wood as well as all the other stations of the railway are.

3. It is not the intention to deflect the track to avoid the 'Y.'

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY—SALE OF TICKETS.

Mr. HACKETT asked :

1. Are through tickets to all parts of Canada and the United States sold by agents at the different booking stations on the Prince Edward Island Railway ?

2. If not sold at all stations, at what particular stations may they be found on sale ?

3. Are such tickets for sale at Wellington station ? If not, why not ?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

1 and 2. Through tickets to all points in Canada and the United States are on sale at the following stations on line of Prince Edward Island Railway, viz :—Alberton, Bradalbane, North Wiltshire, Souris, Summerside, Cape Traverse, Charlottetown, Kensington, Hunter River and Mount Stewart. And a limited issue covering New England states and all points on the Intercolonial Railway are on sale at all other booking stations, except at Wellington, Miscouche and Royalty Junction.

3. No. No requests have been made to the superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Railway for such an issue of tickets at this station.

COAL IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mr. HACKETT asked :

1. Did members of the Geological Survey staff make an examination in the Province of Prince Edward Island, during the last year, with a view to the discovery of coal ?

2. Who were employed in the work ; and have they reported to the government ?

3. At what places were the examinations made ; and are the indications, as reported, favourable to finding coal in workable quantities ?

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Hon. Sir Wm. Mulock) :

1. Yes.

2. Dr. R. W. Ells and one assistant—Yes.

3. Examinations made over the island generally. Examinations proved the presence of several anticlinal folds traversing the island, notably, near the west coast near Miminegash or Campbelltown, near Summerside, at Gallas Point, near Wood Islands, and other points.

There are no indications of coal on the surface, since all the rocks exposed belong to the upper carboniferous, which overlie the true coal measures of Nova Scotia, but it is probable these may underlie the island, in which case they can only be reached by borings.

The most favourable locations for boring are regarded as near Miminegash, on the west coast, near Summerside, and at Gallas Point or Wood Islands, preferably the former.

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE IN MONTREAL.

Mr. F. D. MONK (Jacques Cartier). Before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to ask : Has any action been taken by the government in regard to the strike prevailing among the longshoremen at Montreal, and which has been creating so much disturbance in commercial operations there ? Has anything been done by the government, and if so what has been done ?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). My hon. friend (Mr. Monk) is quite aware that the government has no authority to interfere in this matter. The law provides for the existing conditions, and the law is being followed. The local authorities have thought it advisable to call upon the military authorities to give them assistance, and all the assistance that it was in the power of the military authorities to give has been rendered.

Mr. E. F. CLARKE (West Toronto). Might I ask the right hon. gentleman, if there is any foundation for the statement that His Worship the Mayor of Montreal has appealed to the government, that the expenditure in connection with the calling out of the militia force shall be borne by the government and not by the municipality of Montreal ? If the Mayor of Montreal has made that request, has the government given any reply ?

The PRIME MINISTER. The request has been made. The law is to be followed, and I do not interpret the law to mean that the government is to bear that expense.

Hon. Mr. TARTE. Has an application been made to send the regular troops to Montreal ?

The PRIME MINISTER. Such an application has been made, and the telegram