

House of Commons Debates

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1913.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

JUDICIAL SALARIES.

*Mr. LEMIEUX:

1. Has any memorandum been received by the Minister of Justice for the increase of salary of the County Court judges, and that of the Superior Court judges, in the rural districts generally?

2. What action does the Minister of Justice intend to take?

Mr. DOHERTY: I have had a number of communications and a number of interviews upon the question of the increase of salaries of County Court and Superior Court judges. The matter is under consideration.

STEAM TRAWLING.

Mr. SINCLAIR:

1. Was any investigation made by the Department of Marine and Fisheries during the year 1912 relating to the effects of steam trawling on the fishing industry of the Atlantic coast?

2. If so, by whom and with what result?

3. Were experts employed to make observations on board trawlers when in actual operation? If so, who were they?

4. What are the dates and names of the vessels?

5. Was a report made to the department? If so, when and by whom?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. Yes.

2. Angus L. Frelick and Amos Toole. Information was secured regarding the kinds, sizes, quantities, &c., of fish taken by a trawler, and whether the gear of ordinary fishermen was damaged or interfered with.

3. Mr. Toole was employed to remain on a trawler and report on its operations.

4. Mr. Toole was on board the trawler Carmania from August 2 to October 5.

5. Yes. By both Mr. Frelick, who accom-

panied fishing schooners, and by Mr. Toole. Mr. Frelick's final report is dated October 10th, and Mr. Toole's is not dated; but reached the department November 30.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY ICE SUPPLY.

Mr. REID (Restigouche):

1. Have tenders been asked to furnish ice for the Intercolonial railway at Campbellton?

2. If so, how many tenders have been received, what are the names and amounts of the tenderers respectively, and has the lowest tender been accepted?

Mr. COCHRANE:

1. Yes.

2. Tenders were received from the following parties:—William J. Price, Campbellton, \$1.18 per net ton (2,000 lbs.); Thomas Ellsworth, Campbellton, \$1.13 per net ton; Elias B. Pritchard, Campbellton, \$1.40 per net ton. The above prices included the delivery and packing of the ice in the ice-house at Campbellton. The lowest tender was accepted.

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. Has any person or persons been employed by the Finance Department during the past year to make inquiries or obtain information as to the tariff, or as to its operation or effects, or as to the wisdom or necessity of any change sought to be made therein?

2. If so, who were they, when were they employed, and have they reported to the department in writing?

Mr. WHITE: No.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MacNUTT: Before the Orders of the Day are called, I rise to a question of privilege. Yesterday, it appears, was an inopportune time to do so, but to-day I think I am in order. I wish to read a statement which appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press some days ago, having some reference to myself. It is contained in a speech of Sir Rodmond Roblin referring to the Macdonald election and delivered in the Provincial Legislature at Winnipeg. Sir Rodmond is reported to have said:

In no case had he found that the Liberals of the constituency of Macdonald had taken part in the work themselves. The Liberals