

Mr. FOSTER. This Government has received no official reply from Her Majesty's Government in regard to either of these questions.

FISHING RIGHTS ON THE RICHELIEU RIVER.

Mr. LAURIER (for Mr. BRODERICK) asked, Whether the Government have granted to any person the exclusive right of fishing the Richelieu River between Chambly and St. Johns? If so, to whom was the said privilege granted, for what price? Has there been any legal question raised as to the right of the Government to grant such fishing leases, and what has been the result of such litigation, if any?

Mr. TUPPER. Leases have been granted by the Government for the right of fishing for eels in the public waters of the Richelieu River, between Chambly and St. Johns, to the following parties: Arthur H. N. Bruce, for the privilege of fishing between the towns of St. Johns and Iberville, during the period of five years, at \$400 per annum; Napoléon Masse, for the privilege of fishing near Ste. Thérèse Island, during the period of one year, at \$75 per annum. Legal questions have been raised as to the right of the Government to grant such leases, but there has as yet been no decision on the question.

Mr. LAURIER. Is the litigation pending?

Mr. TUPPER. Yes.

I.C.R.—TRAFFIC AT MULGRAVE STATION.

Mr. FRASER moved for:

A detailed statement showing: (1) Traffic at Mulgrave Station for the six months ending 31st December, A. D. 1890 and 1891; also for the months of January, 1891 and 1892. The return to include sale of tickets, freight received and freight sent. (2) The number of staff employed during the said months, salaries paid and amount paid for extra labour, with the names of staff and extra labour employed. (3) Return of work done by shunting engine during said periods, and the number of men employed in shunting and the cost. (4) If there is a yardmaster at said station, when he was appointed, whether he has an assistant, and, if so, when such assistant was appointed and what pay each receives. (5) The number of men employed in the scow at the said station, their names and whether they are paid by the hour or by the day and at what rate?

He said: In asking for this return, I trust the Minister of Railways will be able to bring it down as quickly as possible. I think it would only take a couple of hours to make it out.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT—ASH WEDNESDAY.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved:

That when the House adjourns to-morrow (Tuesday), it do stand adjourned until Thursday next at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Will the Minister of Finance bring down the ordinary statement of the ten days revenue to the 1st March without a motion being made?

Mr. FOSTER. I will bring it down.

Mr. EDGAR.

BEHRING SEA SEAL FISHERIES.

Mr. LAURIER. I call attention to the following press despatch which has been received and which has just been placed in my hands:—

“WASHINGTON, 29th February, 1892.—The negotiations between United States and Great Britain looking to the submission to arbitration of the long-pending controversy between the two countries in regard to the Behring Sea Seal Fisheries reached a favourable condition to-day. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, met Secretary Blaine by appointment to-day and signed the treaty of arbitration on behalf of Great Britain. The treaty is still subject, however, to the action of the British Parliament and the United States Senate.”

I suppose that this treaty will also be submitted to the Canadian Parliament.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I am not in a position to make any formal announcement on the subject, but I suppose the press announcement as to the treaty having been signed is very probably correct. I am not in a position to say that it has to be agreed to by this Parliament. The hon. gentleman will see that, while this affects very seriously certain inhabitants of this country, it does not affect any of the waters which are really within our jurisdiction. At a later period of the session we will be able to give definite information on this point, and I am sure that any representation made by this Government will receive every attention at the hands of the Imperial Government.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). Will the Minister lay on the Table the documents in reference to the *Sagward* case? I do not see why they should not be published in this country as well as in the United States.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. The case is not concluded, but the documents now in our possession will be submitted.

Mr. McMULLEN. I should like to know when the report of the Auditor-General will be laid on the Table?

Mr. FOSTER. I sympathise with my hon. friend in his anxiety to have that report, but I fear that it is not quite complete yet.

Motion agreed to: and House adjourned at 5:35 p. m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 1st March, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MEMBERS INTRODUCED.

F. W. BORDEN, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of King's, N. S.; introduced by the Hon. Mr. Laurier and Mr. Fraser.

HENRY CARGILL, Esq., Member for the East Riding of Bruce; introduced by the Hon. Mr. Costigan and Mr. Sproule.

JOS. H. MARSHALL, Esq., Member for the East Riding of Middlesex; introduced by the Hon. Mr. Bowell and the Hon. Mr. Haggart.

A. B. INGRAM, Esq., Member for the East Riding of Elgin; introduced by Sir John Thompson and the Hon. Mr. Foster.