

2. Is the government aware if the scrip allowed any of these half-breeds has been purchased by any other parties? If so, by whom?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. Applications for half-breed scrip were made by the following persons: Norman Ouellette, Frank Ouellette, John Boucher, Joseph Delorme, P. Ducherne and Madame Urbain Delorme.

There is no record of any applications by Rosalie Lesperance or Adeline McIvor.

The applications of Norman Ouellette, Frank Ouellette, John Boucher, Joseph Delorme, Madame Urbain Delorme and P. Ducherne were disallowed. Andrew Gibouche received scrip for \$160 in 1876 as head of a family.

No definite information can be given respecting Madame B. Gagnon or Charles Pruden unless names of patents are furnished.

2. Answered by No. 1.

#### MIDDLE FORK FALLS.

Mr. HERRON asked:

1. Is the Middle Fork falls of the Old Man river located on the S.E. ¼, section 28, tp. 7, r. 2, W. of 5th M.?

2. Has the government disposed of it by sale or lease?

3. If so, to whom, on what conditions if leased, what term of years, and price?

4. If sold, at what price?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. Yes.

2. No.

3 and 4. Answered by answer to No. 2.

#### PICTOU CATTLE DISEASE.

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD asked:

1. Is the Department of Agriculture pursuing an investigation and making experiments to ascertain the cause of the disease known as the 'Pictou cattle disease'? If so, when, and under what conditions?

2. What progress has been made in ascertaining the cause, and has it been determined whether it is contagious or not?

3. Has any remedy or cure for the disease been found?

4. If investigation has disclosed, or is likely to disclose, the fact that the disease is caused by cattle eating that weed popularly known as 'Strutting Willie,' would the department favourably consider the proposal to render assistance to secure the eradication of the weed in the districts affected?

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (for Minister of Agriculture):

1. The department has, since October, 1903, been conducting an experiment station at Cloverville, county of Antigonish, with the object of ascertaining the cause of Pictou cattle disease.

2. Much valuable information has been secured, and while it would, at present, be

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premature to make a definite statement, the results of the experiments so far indicate that the disease is not of a contagious nature, but that it is due to the ingestion, under certain conditions, of the weed known as Ragwort, or, locally 'Stinking Willie.'

3. The work at the station above referred to has been almost altogether in the direction of determining the cause of the disease with the hope of being able to devise some practical method of prevention. Incidental experimental work, however, would appear to indicate that benefit may result from the use of certain medicines in the early stages of the disease.

4. The department has not considered the matter.

#### MAILS—LOWVILLE TO MILTON.

Mr. HENDERSON asked:

1. Who is the contractor for carrying the mails from Lowville to Milton?

2. What is the distance for each single trip, and how many trips per week?

3. What is the yearly cost of this service?

4. Has this contract been renewed recently?

5. If so, were tenders called for, or was the contract renewed without tender?

6. If tenders were called for, was the lowest tender accepted?

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (for Postmaster General):

1. John W. Colling.

2. Seven and a half miles, six trips per week.

3. \$213.22 per annum.

4. Yes, from 1st October, 1905.

5. The price was originally fixed by tender and, as the inspector reported that the rate was a fair one, the contract was renewed from 1st October, 1905.

#### MAILS—HAMILTON AND KILBRIDE.

Mr. HENDERSON asked:

1. Who is the contractor for carrying the mails between Hamilton and Kilbride?

2. What is the distance for each single trip, and how many trips per week?

3. What is the yearly cost of this service?

4. Was this contract let by tender?

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (for Postmaster General):

1. William Small.

2. Fifteen and a quarter miles—six trips per week.

3. \$197.

4. Renewed with present contractor from 1st October, 1905. The price was originally fixed by tender and the inspector reporting that the price was a fair one, the contract was renewed from 1st October, 1905.

#### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY APPEAL IN RE 4 EDWARD VII., CHAPTER 31.

Mr. LENNOX asked:

Referring to 4 Edward VII., Chapter 31, and the judgment of the Supreme Court that said