

are usually passed at the outport of York Factory.

AYLMER WEST POSTMASTERSHIP.

Mr. INGRAM asked :

Did the Postmaster General, or any other member of the Government, instruct Mr. Alexander Smith, the Reform party organizer for the province of Ontario, to make any inquiries into the postmastership of Aylmer West, in East Elgin, and if so, what report did Mr. Alexander Smith make to the Postmaster General or other member of the Government, having relation to the above position?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). No.

MOUNT ALBERT AND HOLT MAIL CONTRACT.

Mr. HUGHES asked :

1. Who carries the mail between Mount Albert and Mount Albert Railway Station?

2. Who carries the mail between Mount Albert and Holt Post Office?

3. When was the contract between Mount Albert and Mount Albert Station entered into? What is the present contract price? Is there a contract? Has the contract been signed?

4. Who was the last mail carrier?

5. What is the date of the contract between Mount Albert and Holt? What is the contract price? Is there a contract? Is the work performed by day labour, or on what terms is it performed? What price is being paid per trip?

6. What was the lowest tender for the contract between Mount Albert and Mount Albert Station? Whose was it? Why was it not accepted?

7. What was the lowest tender for the contract between Mount Albert and Holt? Whose was it? Has the price per trip between Mount Albert and Holt been raised over his tendered price? Is the contractor doing the work for the price stated in the regularly presented tender?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). 1. The mails between Mount Albert and Mount Albert Railway Station are carried by Mr. Parish Steeper. 2. The mails between Holt and Mount Albert are carried by Mr. Parish Steeper. 3. There is no contract for the Mount Albert and Railway Station service at present, the lowest tenderers having declined to undertake the service unless they could obtain the contract for the Holt and Mount Albert service which is arranged for under a separate contract as it has been for some years past. Mr. Steeper is at present performing the service under a temporary agreement pending the making of a regular contract. 4. The last mail carrier on the Mount Albert and Station route was Mr. John Roseman. 5. The contract for the Holt and Mount Albert service went into operation on the 1st January, 1897. The price is \$62 per annum. At this price the rate per trip would be nearly 20 cents. 6. As the contract for the Mount Albert and Railway Station service has not yet been entered into, it would be inadvisable to give any in-

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formation regarding the tenders at present. 7. The lowest tender for the Holt and Mount Albert service was that made by Mr. Parish Steeper at \$62 per annum. Mr. Steeper is performing the service at this rate, and there has been no advance in the price.

THE EXPEDITION TO HUDSON BAY.

Mr. DAVIN asked :

Whether it is the intention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to have the North-west Territories represented in the exploratory expedition to Hudson Bay?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). With your permission, Mr. Speaker, I will answer this question and at the same time a question to the same effect that stands on the Order paper in the name of the hon. member for Saskatchewan (Mr. Davis). The Government have considered the matter, and have determined that it would be in the public interest that Manitoba and the North-west Territories should be represented on that commission, and a representative of Manitoba and the North-west Territories will be appointed.

HARBOURS OF OWEN SOUND AND COLLINGWOOD.

Mr. DAVIN (for Mr. Bennett) asked :

What aggregate amounts have been expended by the Public Works Department in the harbours of Owen Sound and Collingwood, respectively?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS (Mr. Tarte.) The expenditure to date since the 1st of July, 1867, is as follows:—Collingwood harbour, \$220,286.18; Owen Sound harbour, \$236,755.

BORING FOR COAL IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mr. MARTIN asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to place any sum in the Supplementary Estimates for the boring for coal in Pleasant Valley or Wood Islands, in the province of Prince Edward Island?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). The hon. gentlemen will get the information when the supplementaries are brought down.

IMPORTATION OF COAL OIL.

Mr. MACDONALD (Huron) asked :

At what points in Canada can coal oil imported from the United States in tank cars be delivered?

The CONTROLLER OF INLAND REVENUE (Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière). At the following points:—

Ontario—Belleville. Berlin, Brantford, Brockville, Chatham, Chippawa, Colling-