

which had closed down, the government felt it to be its duty to afford the company all proper assistance and encouragement in its power. In accordance with this policy, an order in council was thereupon passed on October 16, authorizing a contract to be entered into, and later, on December 22 last, the contract was executed between the government and the Canadian company.

**I.C.R.—ERECTION OF STATION AT PASSE-KEAG, N.B.**

Mr. FOWLER asked :

1. Have tenders been received for the erection of a station at Passekeag, N.B.?
2. If so, from whom have such tenders been received, and what is the amount of each tender?
3. Has the government, or the Department of Railways and Canals, accepted any, and if so, what tender?
4. Has the contract been let; if so, to whom, and if not, why not?
5. Has the erection been begun; if not, why not?

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

1. Yes, tenders have been received for the construction of a station of Passekeag, N.B.
2. Tenders were received from Mr. Peter Campbell, and Messrs. Hiram M. and Harvey Copp. The amount of Mr. Campbell's tender was \$500, and Messrs. Copp's, \$700.
3. The tender of Mr. Peter Campbell was accepted.
4. This contract has been let to Peter Campbell.
5. The erection has not been commenced, as the exact location has not yet been decided upon.

**POSTMASTER AT LOWER MILLSTREAM, N.B.**

Mr. FOWLER asked :

1. Has Mr. John E. McAuley, for many years postmaster at Lower Millstream, King's County, N.B., been dismissed?
2. If so, why, and at whose instance?
3. What charges, if any, were made against him, and was an investigation held?
4. Has a petition been received to retain Mr. McAuley in his position? If so, how many names were attached?
5. Has his successor been appointed? If so, did he apply for the position, or was he recommended, and by whom?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Hon. Clifford Sifton) :

1. Yes.
2. Mr. McAuley was removed from office for being an active political partisan, on the representations of Lieut.-Col. James Domville, ex-M.P.
3. See answer to No. 2. In view of the representations made, an investigation was not considered necessary.
4. Yes—54. Lieut.-Col. Domville states that the large majority of the signers do not

reside in the district served by the Lower Millstream post office.

5. Mr. Henry A. McPhee has been appointed postmaster of Lower Millstream. He did not apply for the appointment. He was recommended for the office by Lieut.-Col. Domville.

**THE PARIS EXPOSITION.**

Mr. TAYLOR (by Mr. Clarke) asked :

What has been the total amount paid in connection with the Paris Exposition up to February 1, 1901?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Hon. Sydney A. Fisher). The total amount expended for the Paris Exhibition to the 31st January, 1901, was \$286,165.71; less overcharge for space (refunded), \$10,641.43; total, \$275,524.28.

**GOVERNMENT PRINTING.**

Mr. CLARKE asked :

1. What sums have been paid by the government, since June 30 last, for printing done in offices other than the Government Printing Bureau in this city?
2. What are the offices in which such printing was done?
3. What is the total amount paid to each office for such printing?
4. What is the nature and class of work, if any, given to such outside establishments?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) :

1. The Herald, Montreal, \$16,140.55, printing immigration pamphlets; Stovel Co., Winnipeg, \$3.75, printing certificates; Advertiser Printing Co., London, \$6.50, printing lists of letter boxes; J. Hope & Sons, Ottawa, \$54.50, requisition books special; J. Coombs, Charlottetown, \$25.50, forms of tenders and posters.

2, 3, 4. Besides above, there was paid for printing voters' lists, as follows:—Herald, Montreal, \$1,040.06; Witness, Montreal, \$838.47; Ontario Reformer, Oshawa, \$41.36; Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto, \$824; Monetary Times, Toronto, \$736.49; Warwick Bros. & Rutter, Toronto, \$1,397.10; Murray Printing Co., Toronto, \$2,826.29; Wm. Briggs, Toronto, \$2,477.48; La Patrie, Montreal, \$275.53.

**YUKON—MINING REGULATIONS.**

Mr. MORIN asked :

Have the regulations respecting the size of mining locations been changed since the year 1897?

If so, in what respect have such changes been made, and the date or dates thereof?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Hon. Clifford Sifton). 1. By an order in council, dated the 18th of January, 1898, provision was made that placer mining claims in the Yukon territory be increased