

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Mr. WOOD (Brockville) asked :

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the metrical system of weights and measures into this country?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). It is not the present intention of the Government.

WINTER MAIL SERVICE, MAGDALEN ISLANDS.

Mr. GUAY (for Mr. Lemieux) asked :

What sum does the Honourable Postmaster General intend to place in the Estimates, for the winter mail service between the mainland and the Magdalen Islands?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). The sum of \$300 is included in the main Estimates for the service in question.

POSTMASTER OF CAPLIN RIVER.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON asked :

1. Has Théophile Poirier, of Caplin River, been dismissed from the office of postmaster of that place?

2. If so, was there any complaint against him? What was the nature of the complaint, and who made the complaint?

3. Was there an investigation held? If so, before whom? What was proven in the investigation, and who were the witnesses?

4. Was the inspector of the postal division sent to investigate the matter?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). The postmaster in question has not been dismissed.

POSTMASTER OF DABLON.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON asked :

1. Has Guillaume Larouche, of Dablon, been dismissed from the office of postmaster of that place?

2. If so, was there any complaint against him? What was the nature of the complaint, and who made the complaint?

3. Was there an investigation held? If so, before whom? What was proven in the investigation? Who were the witnesses?

4. Was the inspector of the postal division sent to investigate the matter?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). The postmaster in question was dismissed because of political partisanship, on a charge made by Mr. Savard, M.P. The evidence being conclusive, no investigation was necessary.

SUNNY BRAE AND MELROSE MAIL SERVICE.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER asked :

How many tenders were received for the conveyance of the mails between Sunny Brae and Melrose, and the name of each tenderer, and the amounts respectively tendered for? To whom was the contract awarded?

Mr. LAURIER.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). I would ask the hon. gentleman to be good enough to put a motion on the paper for that. It involves the preparation of returns of some length.

POST OFFICE AT PIRATE HARBOUR.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER asked :

Will the Government lay immediately upon the Table of this House the petition and correspondence with reference to the closing and re-opening of the post office at Pirate Harbour, in Guysboro' county?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mullock). There is no objection to the return being laid upon the Table; but an order of the House will be necessary.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Can they not be laid upon the Table without a motion?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. There will have to be a motion.

MILITARY SCHOOL, ST. JOHN'S, P.Q.

Mr. MORIN asked :

For what reason did the Government cancel the contract with Wright & Co., of St. John's, P.Q., for drugs, medicines, &c., for the requirements of the military school at that point, and award it to Doctor Sabourin; and on whose recommendation was it done?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I am informed there was no contract between the Government and Messrs. Wright & Co., of St. John's, P.Q., for the supplies mentioned.

CULVERT—CHAMBLY CANAL.

Mr. MORIN asked :

What amount has the Government expended up to this date in the construction of a culvert of the Chambly Canal at St. John's, P.Q., and how much will the cost exceed the grant voted?

How much has been paid to Messrs. Jacques and Henri Cartier, of St. John's, in connection with this work, and what is the work they have to do?

Is this Mr. Jacques Cartier the same person who is a member of the town council of St. John's?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). The amount expended up to this date in the construction of a culvert on the Chambly Canal at St. John's, P.Q., is \$9,828.36; the cost will exceed the present grant by about \$7,000; the amount paid to Jacques Cartier, foreman, is \$152.50; the amount paid to Henri Cartier, as night watchman and night foreman, is \$116.20. I am informed that Mr. Jacques Cartier is a member of the town council of St. John's.

CHAMBLY CANAL—TENDERS FOR STONE.

Mr. MORIN asked :

Who are the parties who sent in tenders to the Government, last fall, for the stone required for