

Island. The depth of the water at that place at low tide is 30 ft.

2. One mile in length, 1,200 feet in width.

3. Before the work was commenced, the depth of water in the channel at Beaujeu Bank at low tide: Spring tides, 21 ft. Neap tides, 23 ft. There is at present time at spring tides 30 feet low, and 48 ft. high. Neap tides, 32 ft. low, and 43 ft. high.

4. \$213,499.82.

5. 2,243,800 cubic yards.

6. The work is now completed.

7. Answered by No. 2.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER EXCAVATION.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired :

1. What is, in cubic yards, the quantity of clay and stone extracted from the River St. Lawrence at the spot known as the St. Thomas channel?

2. What was, at that place, during ordinary low tides, the depth of the river at the beginning of the excavation works?

3. What will be, at the completion of said works, the depth of the river during ordinary low tides?

4. What has, up to date, been the cost of the said works?

5. What is the estimated cost of additional work to complete the undertaking?

6. What will then be the length and width of this artificial channel opened by the government?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are as follows :

1. 2,400,900 cubic yards.

2. 25 feet.

3. 32 feet.

4. \$158,577.55.

5. \$75,000.

6. One mile and three-quarters in length, and 1,000 feet in width.

THE CANADIAN NAVAL SERVICE.

INQUIRY POSTPONED.

The notice of inquiry being called by the Hon. Mr. Landry, that he will inquire of the government :

1. What is the position that Commander Roper actually occupies in the Canadian Naval Service?

2. To what department does he belong.

3. What is his salary?

4. What are his functions?

5. Since when has he exercised them?

6. Was he sent here by the Imperial authorities without having been asked for by the Canadian government, or did he come to this country on the request of the government?

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7. What is to be the length of his service in Canada?

8. Where does he actually reside?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I have not received a reply to this inquiry.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—I would like to suggest to my hon. friend that he should add another question to No. (13) as follows : 'Is it true that Mr. Roper is to receive a salary of \$50,000 as it was stated in Arthabaska?'

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I would prefer the hon. gentleman should give notice of that question himself.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—The hon. gentleman knows more about it than I do.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The government is not in a position to give an answer. The hon. leader was not in Arthabaska, and it would be difficult for him to answer that question.

The notice was allowed to stand.

REFORM OF THE SENATE.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired of the government:

Whether is it the intention of the government to put into execution the promise contained in the programme set forth by the Liberal convention held at Ottawa in June, 1893, in so far as the reform of the Senate is concerned?

Whether the government intends to begin this reform of the Senate by giving this House a number of representatives in the cabinet equal to that which the former administration had granted?

Whether the government thinks it can continue this reform by giving, as the preceding government had done, a French representative among the number of senators forming part of the cabinet?

When will the government begin these reforms?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I have the honour to inform my hon. friend that these questions are engaging the serious consideration of the cabinet.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—We might let it stand and when the hon. gentleman says the government have considered it long enough we might take it up again.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I have replied to the question.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I give notice that after the recess we will come to the inquiry