

PROTECTION OF BRITISH SUBJECTS IN BEHRING'S SEA.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE asked, Whether the Government have represented to the Imperial Government the necessity of taking such steps as will protect the rights and liberties of British subjects in the waters of Behring's Sea? If so, with what result?

Mr. FOSTER. Representations have been made to the Imperial Government, and the papers, so far as they can be brought down, will be laid on the Table of the House at an early day.

LIFE SAVING STATION ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE asked, Whether the Government intend establishing a life-saving station on the south-west coast of Vancouver Island?

Mr. FOSTER. This subject is now engaging the attention of the Department.

HIGH COMMISSIONER AT LONDON.

Mr. CASGRAIN asked, Who is now acting as High Commissioner for Canada at London? Has Sir Charles Tupper continued to act since his return to Canada, and is he still acting as such *ad interim* or otherwise?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Sir Charles Tupper has consented to act as High Commissioner without salary or emolument of any kind. While he is here Mr. Colmer, Secretary of the Department, in London, acts as *Chargé d'Affaires* and Secretary of Legation.

REVISING OFFICER FOR MONTMORENCY.

Mr. GUAY (for Mr. LANGEVIER, Montmorency) asked, On what date did J. A. Charlebois, Esq., revising officer for the county of Montmorency, resign his office, and when was his resignation accepted by the Government?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. The letter of resignation bears date the 3rd of February, 1887. It was submitted to Council on the 14th. The Order in Council accepting his resignation was signed on the 2nd of March. A letter informing Mr. Charlebois of the fact was sent to him a few days afterwards.

EXAMINING WAREHOUSE IN OTTAWA.

Mr. INNES (for Mr. EDWARDS) asked, Is it the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the construction of the new Customs Examining Warehouse in Ottawa, for which tenders were called some time ago?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. It is the intention to build a new Custom House and Examining Warehouse in Ottawa. The time of beginning the same is not yet fixed.

POST OFFICE IN THE TOWN OF MONTMAGNY.

Mr. CHOQUETTE asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Estimates this year a sum of money sufficient for the building of a post office in the town of Montmagny, in the county of Montmagny?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I beg to say, in answer to the hon. member, that it is not the intention of the Government to place in the Estimates this year a sum of money for the building of a post office in the town of Montmagny.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF EDMUND E. SHEPPARD.

Mr. PRÉFONTAINE asked, Whether the Government or the Minister of Justice has been informed that Mr.

Geo. T. Denison, police magistrate for the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, has refused, contrary to the Act, chapter 174 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, section 49, to endorse a warrant signed and issued by one of the Judges of the Sessions of the Peace for the Province of Quebec, for the District of Montreal, M. C. Desnoyers, Esq., one of the police magistrates for the city of Montreal, for the arrest of one Edmund E. Sheppard, the said warrant bearing upon its face a criminal charge against the said Sheppard, for having libelled certain of the officers of the 65th Battalion, of Montreal, in relation to the expedition to the North-West in 1885; and if so, was it by the instructions of the Department of Justice such endorsement was refused, and if not, what position do the Government intend to assume in relation to the matter?

Mr. THOMPSON. We have no information on the subject other than what has appeared in the newspapers. No instructions whatever were given by the Department of Justice in relation to the subject, and as to any action that may be taken it will be necessary to make application to the Government of the Province of Ontario, whose officer Mr. Denison is.

IMMIGRATION INTO THE DOMINION IN 1886.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE asked, What was the total number of immigrants arriving in the Dominion during the year 1886, as reported to the Department of Agriculture; the total number as far as known remaining in the Dominion, and the total number settling in the North West Territories and British Columbia?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. That information will be found in the report which was laid before the House yesterday, or the day before, by the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

MAIL CONTRACTS IN LÉVIS COUNTY.

Mr. GUAY asked, To whom were the two contracts for the mail between the town of Lévis and village of Etchemin, county of Lévis, granted? Were tenders called for in relation to each of said contracts? If so, who were the parties who tendered and what was the amount of each tender?

Mr. McLELAN. The first contract was given to the lowest tenderer, Mr. Elouard Leclerc, for \$245. The second was let by the Post Office Inspector at Quebec, for the sum of \$100, to P. E. Bourassa, the arrangement to be terminable at the pleasure of the Postmaster General.

CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honor to inform the House that, in accordance with the Order of the House of yesterday, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery is in attendance at the Table with the several papers he was directed to produce.

Mr. MILLS. I move that, in obedience to the Order of yesterday, the papers having been brought down by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, they be now read.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I think that the returns should be put in the Votes and Proceedings, so that we could all read them.

Mr. BLAKE. But the only way it can be done is by a motion that they be now read. The formal reading can be dispensed with; but it requires the motion to get them in the Votes.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Very well; so be it. Motion agreed to.