

**GOVERNMENT SECURITY FOR DOMINION
NOTE CIRCULATION AND SAVINGS
BANKS DEPOSITS.**

Mr. MARSHALL—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. What sums have the government on deposit in gold as security for the Dominion notes issued by them for circulation in this country?
2. What sums have the government on deposit in Imperial Guaranteed Bonds as security for Dominion notes issued by them for circulation in this country?
3. Have the government any gold or Imperial Guaranteed Bonds on deposit as security for the money deposited in the Government Savings Banks and the Post Office Saving Banks?
4. If so, how much of each kind?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) :

1. \$33,571,375 in gold.
2. £400,000 Imperial guaranteed debenture.
3. Yes, gold.
4. \$6,100,204 in gold.

BAYONETS FOR THE ROSS RIFLE.

Mr. WORTHINGTON asked :

1. Has a contract been made by the Department of Militia and Defence for the supplying of bayonets for the Ross rifle?
2. If so, with whom has the contract been made?
3. Has a contract, agreement, or order for bayonets been submitted to council by the Minister of Militia and Defence?
4. On what date was the recommendation to council submitted?
5. What is the date of the minute in council?
6. Has an order in council been passed? If so, on what date?
7. What is the price the Department of Militia and Defence proposes to pay for the bayonets?
8. Are payments to be made on delivery or on progress estimates?
9. How many bayonets will be contracted for, what will be the terms of delivery, and where will the bayonets be manufactured?
10. Has the company with whom the contract is to be made a factory or building in which the bayonets are to be manufactured?
11. If not, will one be built, and how long a time will be required for construction?
12. Has the site been acquired for this factory? If so, where and under what terms or conditions?

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (for Minister of Militia and Defence). The matter is under consideration.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY—QUESTIONS IN DISPUTE.

Mr. BARKER—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. Are there any matters in dispute or question between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the government, or the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, respecting the route or the right of way or the works of construction, or cost thereof, upon the eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway?

Mr. FOSTER.

2. What is the nature of such disputes or questions, if any?

3. Has the consideration or settlement of any such disputes or questions been postponed or suspended? If so, at whose request, and until what time or event?

Hon. G. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals) :

There is no matter in dispute or question between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the National Transcontinental Railway Company respecting the route, or the right-of-way, or the works of construction, or the cost thereof, upon the eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway.

SHIPMENT OF STORES TO LIGHTHOUSES.

Mr. J. D. REID—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. Did the Department of Marine and Fisheries, during the summer of 1907, arrange with Messrs. Halliday Bros., of Quebec, for the shipment by steamship 'Restigouche,' of stores, to certain lighthouses on the lower St. Lawrence?
2. If so, on what date or dates were said stores taken on at Quebec?
3. What was the rate paid per ton, and upon how many tons was freight paid?
4. Who vouched for the full quantity being placed on board?

Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) :

1. Yes.
2. August 21 to 23.
3. \$5 per ton for freight; \$2 per ton for landing; Heath Point, 314 tons; Bird Rocks, 23 tons; Cape Anguille, 150 tons.
4. P. E. Parent, the resident engineer at Quebec for the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

DREDGING AT WIARTON.

Mr. BENNETT asked :

1. Was any dredging performed at Warton in the year 1907?
2. If so, how much was paid therefor, and were tenders invited for the work?
3. How many persons tendered therefor, who performed the work, what was the price paid and the material dredged?
4. Was any formal request made for said work? If so, by whom?
5. Who was the inspector of work, and on whose recommendation was he appointed?

Hon. WILLIAM PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works) :

1. Yes.
2. (a) \$25,026.60; (b) Yes.
3. (a) Two; (b) A. F. Bowman; (c) 20 cents per cubic yard; (d) 124,200 cubic yards of clay, sand and boulders.
4. Yes, the municipal council of Warton.
5. Thos. Dargavel. I am unable to state what recommendations were made to the then minister, but am informed that Mr. John Tolmie, M.P., was one of those who ad-