

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answers are as follows:

1. July 24, 1911.
2. July 25, 1911.
3. Yes. By telegraph, but not subsequently confirmed or elaborated by letter.
4. No.

FISHING LICENSES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK inquired:

What alterations have been made by the Marine and Fisheries with respect to the granting of licenses to fish for salmon in British Columbia waters?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No change except in District No. 2. The boat rating there has been applied to the water areas. Licenses will be issued for the fiscal year. A sufficient number of licenses will be reserved until March 15, for each area, to cover all applications from bona fide white fishermen, owning their own boats and gear, that there is reason to anticipate may be received. Such applicants will be granted licenses independent of any canner. The remainder of the licenses will be issued as in the past.

DUTY ON IMPORTED LUMBER.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK inquired:

Is it the intention of the government to alter the regulation of the Customs Department under which lumber planed on one side comes into the Dominion free of duty, so that only rough lumber shall come in free of duty?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The duty on lumber is fixed by statute, and not by departmental regulation. It is not customary to announce proposals regarding changes in the tariff in advance of their submission to Parliament.

THE DOMINION ARCHIVES.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE moved:

That an Order of this House do issue for a copy of the Order in Council transferring the Archives from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Secretary of State.

The motion was agreed to.

IMPROVEMENTS ON ST. CHARLES RIVER.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. WATSON, in the absence of Hon. Mr. Choquette, inquired:

Does the government intend to start in the early spring, the works for the deepening and locking of the St. Charles river according to plans prepared by Mr. Decary, government engineer for the district of Quebec, or other plans?

If so, when will tenders be called for these works?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is a question of policy that is still under consideration. Plans for the work are ready but not yet received in the department; plans for the expropriation of lands are ready to submit to Council.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (B) An Act to provide for the incorporation of Railway Companies.—(Hon. Mr. Davis).

STENOGRAPHIC AID FOR SENATORS.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—Before proceeding with the orders of the day, I should like to inquire if it is the intention of the government to supply stenographers to the members of the Senate as they are supplied to members of the Commons. I think we are certainly entitled to the same courtesy.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I would say that no consideration has been given to this question. I am not aware that this Chamber has expressed any desire in that direction.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. leader hears of the desire now.

Hon. Sir GEORGE ROSS (Middlesex)—I may say, speaking for myself and a good many others, that I think it is very desirable that we should have a small corps of stenographers to help us out. Many hon. senators have heavy correspondence, papers to look up and so forth, and I am sure that we would be greatly aided if we had the services of suitable stenographers. Furthermore, should we not be treated with accommodation and assistance similar to that supplied members of the other House? I understand a vote of sixty-five