

I.C.R.—SALARIES OF FOREMEN AT RIVIERE DU LOUP.

Mr. GAUVREAU—by Mr. Demers (St. John and Iberville)—asked :

1. What is now the salary of Messrs. Alexandre Ouellet and J. M. Bourdeau, mechanical foremen at Rivière du Loup ?
2. What is now the salary of Mr. Lozo, the new foreman ?
3. What member of parliament recommended the appointment of Mr. Lozo ?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding) :

1. The salary of Messrs. Alexander Ouellet and J. M. Bourdeau, who have been mechanical foremen at Rivière du Loup, was \$91.66 per month.
2. The salary of Mr. Lozo, present mechanical foreman, is \$110 a month.
3. I am not aware that the mechanical superintendent, in selecting a suitable person for this responsible appointment, sought the advice of any member of parliament.

MAIL SERVICE FROM COE HILL MINES TO APSLEY.

Mr. CARSCALLEN—by Mr. Bell (Addington)—asked :

- Who is the contractor for carrying the mails from Coe Hill Mines to Apsley ?
 When was the contract awarded ?
 What was the date of last tender received and date received at the department ?
 If the contract is not yet awarded, who is performing the service, and under what conditions and terms ?

Hon. JAMES SUTHERLAND. There is no contract in operation for this service at present. The former contract having expired on the 31st of March last, tenders were invited due to be opened on the 15th of March. The lowest tender having been found considerably higher than the amount of the former contract, the inspector at Kingston was instructed to inquire into the matter, and report the facts to the department. The matter was not finally settled on the 1st of April, instant, and the inspector arranged for the service temporarily with Charles W. Gunter, at the rate of \$2 a trip, which the inspector reports as the lowest rate he was able to secure

THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM.

Mr. NORTHRUP—by Mr. Kaulbach—asked :

1. Did the member for Quebec West, the Hon. R. R. Dobell, a member of the cabinet, make the statement attributed to him in a resolution

passed by a deputation which waited upon the Hon. Mr. Parent, premier of the province of Quebec, and which resolution has been published in a number of newspapers in the Dominion of Canada, to the following effect :—

Quebec is Angry.

The Leading Citizens Protest Against Mr. Dobell's Opposition to the Plains of Abraham Purchase—An Appeal to Sir Wilfrid—The Federal Government Urged to at Once Ratify the Deal with the Nuns by which the Battlefield will be saved.

Quebec, April 8.—'I worked and voted for the Hon. R. R. Dobell at the time of his last election, but will never cast a vote for him again,' was the statement made by the Hon. Richard Turner, M.L.C., on Saturday afternoon, in the course of an interview with Mayor Parent, at which a large number of prominent citizens were present. Mr. Turner was one of the disgusted delegation that waited on Mr. Dobell on the 4th inst., about the Plains affair, and was told that for conscientious reasons, which he would not disclose, he could not support the scheme.

Mr. Turner was chairman of the important deputation which waited on Mr. Parent on Saturday, and which also included Hon. John Sharples, Rev. F. G. Scott, W. H. Wiggs, H. M. Price, William Price, William Wood, Victor Chateauvert, N. Garneau, M.L.A., Ald. Taschereau, Thomas Davidson, Atkinson, J. Theodore Ross, Amyot, and many others. The proposed deed of sale between the Ursuline nuns and the Federal government was read, and showed that the price to be paid the nuns was \$80,000, and that the Marchmont property does not come into the bargain at all. The nuns may, of course, purchase Marchmont instead of the Plains, if they so choose it, but there is nothing in the contract to compel them to do so. There was much adverse comment at Mr. Dobell's action in refusing to speak right out and say what his objections are, and Mayor Parent was particularly severe in the matter. Finally, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

'Moved by Mr. Victor Chateauvert, Captain William Wood, president of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and Mr. N. Garneau, M.L.A.,

Seconded by Hon. John Sharples, M.L.C., Mr. William Price and Mr. John Hamilton,

That this large and representative deputation of citizens of Quebec have heard with surprise the report of the gentlemen who waited, on the 4th inst., upon the Hon. R. R. Dobell on the question of securing the Plains of Abraham as a public park, to the effect that the minister, while asserting his approval of the acquisition of that property by the Federal government, stated that there was a matter in connection therewith that he could not conscientiously approve, and that being a cabinet secret he could not divulge it without the consent of his colleagues.

That this deputation having heard the reading, in both French and English, of the proposed deed of sale from the Ursuline ladies to the Federal government, considers that the price stated, namely, \$80,000, is very satisfactory, and the conditions imposed such as safeguard the interests both of the Federal government and of the people of the Dominion, and meet with the cordial approval of the citizens of Quebec.

That as members of this deputation, we urge the immediate acceptance of the present pro-