

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN— PROPOSED LAND ENDOWMENT.

Mr. LAKE:

1. Referring to a resolution of the legislative assembly of the province of Saskatchewan, of December 18, 1909, endorsing the desirability of the creation of a suitable land endowment for the University of Saskatchewan out of the public domain within the province, what was the nature of the reply made by the government to the Lieutenant Governor in acknowledging the receipt of the resolution?

2. Have any further communications in regard to the subject taken place between the government and the provincial authorities? If so, will the government lay a copy of the papers on the table of the House?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER:

1. The nature of the reply made to the memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan of the 18th December, 1909, is set forth in the order in council of 31st March, 1910, which I lay upon the table of the House.

2. There has been no communication on this subject since.

RECIPROCAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. REID (Grenville):

If the proposed arrangement of the tariff with the United States is passed, will the following countries be allowed to import goods into Canada on same terms as allowed the United States, viz.: Argentine Republic, Austria, Hungary, Bolivia, Columbia, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Venezuela?

Mr. FIELDING:

This question was covered by an answer given to the hon. member for North Ontario on the 16th day of February, 1911. (See unrevised edition of 'Hansard,' page 3744.)

FARMERS' BANK.

Mr. HENDERSON:

What action does the government intend to take on the two requests preferred by the deputation on behalf of the shareholders and depositors of the Farmers' bank, viz.:—

That a royal commission be appointed to make a thorough examination into all matters connected with the incorporation and management of the Farmers' bank; and that legislation be enacted to relieve shareholders of their double liability and to enable depositors to be paid at least fifty cents on the dollar?

Mr. FIELDING:

The government have no reason to doubt that the exercise of the powers given to the

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liquidator by law, and the performance of the duties imposed upon that officer by like authority, and the proceedings now engaging the attention of the courts of justice in Toronto, will lead to a full investigation into and disclosure of all the affairs of the bank, and that, therefore, there is no need of the appointment of a royal commission. Should anything arise later to indicate that the investigation is insufficient, the question can be further considered. Replying to the latter part of the hon. gentleman's question, the government deeply regret that a number of people who are not well able to bear the loss are likely to suffer from the failure of the bank, but in the judgment of the government it would be contrary to public policy to recoup the losses of any class of investors from the public treasury.

LANDS FOR HOMESTEADS.

Mr. LAKE:

What is the total amount of land thrown open for homesteads since 1st August, 1908, in the following townships: 21 to 33 in ranges 18 to 23 inclusive, west of the 2nd meridian?

Mr. OLIVER:

As far as can be ascertained from the records of the department the approximate area is 61,920 acres.

Mr. LAKE:

What different parcels of land have been thrown open for homesteads since the 1st August, 1908, in the following townships, viz.: 21 to 33, ranges 18 to 23, west of the 2nd meridian?

Mr. OLIVER:

As far as can be ascertained from the records of the department the following lands in the townships mentioned were thrown open for homestead entry:

Tp. 21, range 18, west 2nd mer.—All sec. 31.
Tp. 24, range 18, west 2nd mer.—S. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 3; W. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 9; N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17.
Tp. 25, range 18, west 2nd mer.—N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 15.
Tp. 27, range 18, west 2nd mer.—S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 23.
Tp. 31, range 18, west 2nd mer.—N. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 31 and N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 35.
Tp. 32, range 18, west 2nd mer.—W. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 5; all sec. 7; N. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 9; L.S. 1 and 2, sec. 15; all sec. 17; N. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 19; all sec. 21; S. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 25; S. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 27; S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 31.
Tp. 33, range 18, west 2nd mer.—W. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 7.
Tp. 21, range 19, west 2nd mer.—N. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 19; E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 31.
Tp. 22, range 19, west 2nd mer.—All sec. 7; all sec. 9; all sec. 17; all sec. 19.
Tp. 23, range 19, west 2nd mer.—E. $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 19.
Tp. 30, range 19, west 2nd mer.—L.S. 1 and 2, sec. 7; all sec. 31; W. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 33.
Tp. 31, range 19, west 2nd mer.—All sec. 5; all sec. 7; all sec. 9; all sec. 15; all sec. 17; all sec. 19; all sec. 21; all sec. 23; all sec. 25;