

Has the Finance Minister an assistant or joint private secretary? If so, what is her name? Does she work in the department? If not, where does she work? Is she a relation of the Finance Minister's family? What is her salary?

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. S. J. Jenkins, who is drawing a salary of \$1,400 a year is the Mr. Jenkins who is also drawing \$400—not \$600—as private secretary to the Minister of Finance. The Minister of Finance has an assistant or joint private secretary, who is receiving the other \$200 of the \$600, the amount of the allowance. As private secretary to the Minister she is doing private secretarial work for the Minister, and her salary, as I have said, is \$200. With reference to the other part of the question, if the hon. gentleman (Mr. McMullen) has any desire privately to sit under my genealogical tree, I will give him an opportunity any time he requires it.

TIGNISH BREAKWATER, P.E.I.

Mr. PERRY asked, Is the Department of Public Works aware that the Tignish breakwater, Prince Edward Island, requires repairs, and that if said repairs are not attended to immediately the breakwater will sustain serious damage? Has the Government engineer made a report recently of the state of the breakwater?

Mr. QUIMET. The attention of the Public Works Department was called in March, 1892, by the Department of Marine, to the fact that the Tignish breakwater required repair, and during June and July of the same year, the sum of \$350 was expended thereon. Since that time the Department of Public Works has not been made aware that this breakwater is in danger of sustaining serious damage, and there has not been any report made on its state since 1892.

LITTLE RIVER ST. FRANÇOIS.

Mr. CHOQUETTE asked, Whether work has been done within the last year or two in Little River St. François, in the county of Charlevoix? If so, what work, what has been the cost, and under whose direction has it been done?

Mr. QUIMET. During November, 1894, a number of boulders were removed from the channel of the Rivière St. François, which is frequented by schooners at high tide. The expenditure amounted to \$101, and the work was done under the direction of Mr. L. Danglade, acting under instructions from Mr. U. Valiquet, assistant engineer of the department.

COLUMBIAN EXHIBITION EXPENSES.

Mr. CAMPBELL asked, How much has the Columbian Exhibition at Chicago cost the Dominion of Canada, to date? Have

all the accounts and bills been received and paid? If not, what further sums will be required to settle all accounts and just demands?

Mr. MONTAGUE. The amount already paid in connection with the Columbian Exhibition is \$243,019.57. All accounts that have been approved have been paid, and it is not expected that any further appropriation will be required.

COST OF TORONTO DRILL HALL.

Mr. CAMPBELL asked, What was the original estimate of the cost of the drill hall at Toronto? Has that estimate been exceeded? If so, by how much? Is the building now completed? Are there any claims for extras? If so, how much are they? Do the Government intend to pay them? Who were the contractors for this work, and the amount of their several contracts?

Mr. QUIMET. The original estimate of the cost of the drill hall at Toronto was \$282,350. The estimate has not been exceeded. The building is completed, and has been in occupation for some time. A few inside fittings and the fencing are now on hand and will shortly be finished. The department has before it and under consideration claims for extras amounting to \$17,942.94. The Government intend to pay to the last cent all legitimate claims. The contractors for this work were as follows:—Excavation, Davis & Sons, price 25 cents per yard, amount paid \$2,200; main contract, Col. John Stewart, \$240,000; heating and ventilation, Bennett & Wright, \$6,665; fittings for armouries, &c.: Dominion Key Board and Art Manufacturing Company, \$7,035; gas fixtures, Keith & Fitzsimons, \$673.50; locks and hardware, Peterborough Lock Manufacturing Company, \$1,576.63; in all, \$258,150.13.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Foster:

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means and the motion of Sir Richard Cartwright in amendment thereto.

Mr. SEMPLE. Mr. Speaker, I desire to offer a few remarks on the important question now under discussion. If I failed to do so, I would not be properly representing the large number of people in the important constituency which I have the honour to represent. I do not intend to speak at great length, knowing the desire of the House that the debate should be brought to a close as soon as possible; yet there are many important questions involved in this discussion in which the country takes a strong interest at the present time. In my constituency, according to the census, there are not only farmers, but also a number of manufactur-