

THE CASE OF HUBERT HÉBERT.

Mr. CASGRAIN enquired, Whether the Government have been informed that one Hubert Hébert, their employé as Agent and Station-master at Montmagny, has been lately reported by the Election Judges for corrupt practices at a late election; and, if so, has the Government taken any action in the matter, or is it the intention of the Government to do so?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I may say that I have received from the hon. gentleman and others, a statement that Mr. Hébert, an employé in the service of the Intercolonial Railway, has been reported guilty of bribery, and I have referred the communications to the hon. Minister of Justice for report.

SEMAPHORE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GROSSE-ISLE, CRANE ISLAND AND THE MAINLAND.

Mr. LANDRY (translation) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish, this year, communication by semaphore between Grosse-Isle, Crane Island and the mainland?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN (translation). The Government have not yet come to a decision on that point.

UNITED STATES DUTIES ON HEMLOCK BARK.

Mr. BERGERON enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring forward, during the present Session, any legislative measure, in view of the fact that the House of Representatives of the United States has recently adopted a Bill imposing an import duty of 20 per cent. on hemlock bark?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I beg to say, in answer to the enquiry, as well as to that which follows it—[Whether the Government intend during the present Session to impose an export duty on hemlock bark?]-that the subject is now engaging the attention of the Government.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE STATUTES AFFECTING CRIMINAL LAW.

Mr. RICHEY enquired, Whether the consolidation of the Statutes affecting Criminal Law is sufficiently far advanced to be reported for the consideration of Parliament during its present Session; and whether it is proposed in such consolidation to incorporate the main provisions of a Bill, introduced in a former Session, to prevent and punish wrongs to children?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I beg leave to state that a report of progress made was laid on the Table of the Senate by the hon. Minister of Justice at the opening of Parliament. The work is not sufficiently advanced to enable us to recommend the consolidation of the Criminal Law to the consideration of Parliament this Session. I beg leave to lay that progress report on the Table.

AIDING AND ABETTING THE ESCAPE OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

Mr. RICHEY enquired, Whether it is proposed, in the revision and consolidation of the Statutes now in progress, to extend the provisions of 32-33 Victoria, Chapter 34, Section 8, to other Provinces than the Province of Quebec, so as to make the aiding and abetting the escape of juvenile offenders detained in Reformatory or Industrial Schools under sanction of law, a punishable offence throughout the Dominion?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The two provisions referred to in this question and the last have been submitted to the Commissioners, and are receiving attention.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD.

Whether those provisions will ultimately be embodied in the Criminal Law is a question which we cannot positively pronounce upon yet.

NEW HARBOR BREAKWATER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY, N.S.

Mr. KIRK enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed, this year, with the building of a breakwater at New Harbor, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, for which \$2,000 were provided in the Estimates last Session; and whether it is the intention to provide an additional sum for this important work in the Estimates this year?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I beg to inform the hon. gentleman that when the time came to use the vote of \$2,000 appropriated by Parliament, enquiries were instituted as to the total amount required to make it a really useful work. It was found that the amount was so large the Government were not prepared at that time to proceed with the work. I may say that a similar answer applies to the second question to be asked by the hon. gentleman: [Whether it is the intention of the Government to commence, this year, the building of a breakwater at Indian Harbour, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, for which \$1,000 were provided in the Estimates last year; and whether an additional sum will be provided in the Estimates this year for continuing the work?]

EMPLOYÉS IN CUSTOMS, POST AND INLAND REVENUE OFFICES AT MONTREAL.

Mr. COURSOL moved for a return showing the names, ages, and origins of all persons appointed permanently or employed temporarily in the Customs, Post and Inland Revenue offices at Montreal, since the 1st May last, and up to the 20th February, instant, and the salary allowed to each of the said employés; also the names of the employés in the offices of Customs and Excise, who are placed on the Civil Service List, as being entitled to a pension.

Mr. CASGRAIN. Perhaps the hon. gentleman will kindly inform the House what is the object he has in view in submitting the motion.

Mr. COURSOL. When the return is brought down I may have occasion to say a few words.

Motion agreed to.

CONSUMPTION OF DISTILLED AND FERMENTED LIQUORS IN CANADA.

Mr. FOSTER moved (1) for a statement showing the quantities of distilled and fermented liquors under the different names as given in the Trade Returns, imported into and taken for consumption in Canada from 1868 to 1882, both years included, computed in Imperial gallons, each Province separately, the value of the same and the duty paid thereon; (2) the quantity of distilled and fermented liquors under the different names given in the Inland Revenue Returns, manufactured in Canada and taken for consumption therein, by Provinces, the value of the same and the duty paid thereon for the same years; (3) the amount of materials used in brewing and distilling alcoholic liquors in the several Provinces of Canada during the same years. He said: It is not my intention to take up the time of the House in giving reasons for moving for this return, further than to say that I think there is a goodly number of persons in this House, and a large number of persons outside of this House, who will be very much gratified by having, in tabulated form, the information which I have moved for, inasmuch as that information put in tabulated form may have a great deal to do with deter-