

3. From whom did the government charter, or use, or arrange for the use of the steamer 'Golspie,' and upon what terms?

4. What are the total amounts paid by the government to the owners of, or to any other persons, for or on account of, the use of the steamer 'Golspie,' during the years 1905, 1906 and 1907, respectively?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER
(For the Minister of Marine and Fisheries).

1. The steamer 'Golspie' was employed in 1905 and 1906 in conveying lighthouse supplies to lighthouses between Montreal and Port Arthur and vicinity.

2. The steamer 'Golspie' was wrecked on Michipicoten Island, Lake Superior, on the 4th December, 1906.

3. The government chartered the 'Golspie' from Messrs. R. O. and A. B. MacKay, ship owners and forwarders, of the city of Hamilton, Ont.

4. \$7,500 was paid in 1905. \$7,500 was paid in 1906. Nothing was paid in 1907.

COPPER CLIFF POST OFFICE.

Mr. BOYCE asked :

1. Was any inquiry made upon the direction of the Postmaster General into the complaints respecting the conditions of the Copper Cliff post office? (See unrevised 'Hansard,' July 12, 1906.)

2. If so, when was the investigation held, by whom, and what was the nature of the report which was made?

3. Has the postmaster at Copper Cliff been removed from office in compliance with the petition of the 500 residents of the town, and for the reasons given in their petition? If not, for what reason is he continued in his office?

4. Is it the intention of the Postmaster General to hold any further investigation into the subject of the complaint? If so, when?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER
(For Postmaster General):

1. Yes.

2. An inquiry was made by the Post Office Inspector of the Toronto Postal Division, who reported under date the 7th September last, that he had inspected the Copper Cliff post office and found that the post office premises compared favourably with other country post offices of the same class and that the duties of the office were performed in a satisfactory manner.

3. No. The department did not consider that the circumstances of the case justified such action.

4. If any further complaints are brought forward concerning the present management of the Copper Cliff post office the department will make further inquiry regarding them.

LAKE SUPERIOR FISHING GROUNDS.

Mr. BOYCE asked :

1. Has the government been made aware that the fishing grounds in Lake Superior, tributary to international water, are being

steadily depleted of whitefish, sturgeon, lake trout and other merchantable fish?

2. Did the Dominion Fish Commission hold any session in the neighbourhood of Sault Ste. Marie during last year, for the purpose of inquiring into these conditions? If so, where did it sit and has the commission made a report?

3. Is the Department of Marine and Fisheries aware that American fishermen are making use of the provisions of the fishery privileges accorded to Indians, for their own purposes, by supplying them with nets, and purchasing the fish caught by the Indians in their fishing grounds at Goulais bay and Gros Cap, and exporting them to the United States for the American market, to the injury of the Canadian market?

4. If so, when were such complaints made?

5. Has the department taken any action upon the same? If so, of what nature?

6. Is the government intending to take any steps towards prohibiting the exportation of fish from Canada, with the object of conserving the same for the use of Canadians?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER
(For the Minister of Marine and Fisheries):

1. No.

2. No; but the first sittings that will be held when the commission resumes its investigations in the early spring, will be at Sault Ste. Marie.

3. No. Indians, the same as white men, must comply with the Fishery Regulations. The question of licenses for fishing purposes in Ontario, is administered by the provincial government as a proprietary right.

4. Answered by No. 3.

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6. The intention of the government on this point of policy cannot at present be expressed.

THE ROSS RIFLE.

Mr. WORTHINGTON asked :

1. Was there an accident to any Ross rifles on or about May 24, 1906, at St. John, N.B.?

2. How many casualties to arms occurred on this occasion, and were the rifles of mark 1 or mark 2 pattern?

3. In what company and regiment did these accidents occur, and who was the officer in command?

4. Was any report of the occurrence made by the officer commanding the regiment to the officer commanding military district No. 8?

5. When was this report asked for, by whom, and what was the nature of the communication?

6. Has the Department of Militia and Defence the report of the officer commanding the 3rd regiment, C.A., or any report or reports containing the facts relating to these accidents?

7. If so, what is the nature of the reports, and when were they received?

Hon. Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia). I would like to remind my hon. friend that an order of the House was granted to bring down all the papers in connection with the Ross rifle. These are