

5. Did the government, or any member of the government, receive any complaint from any quarter regarding the Wabash Railway Company being allowed to repair their Canadian engines in the United States? If so, what was the nature of said complaints?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Hon. Wm. Paterson). In answer to questions 1, 2, 3 and 4, I would remark that it has not been usual to disclose to the public the details of invoices or of customs duties paid by importers in individual instances, such transactions at the custom house being usually treated as confidential in their nature. Special returns from various ports would in any event be necessary to furnish the information asked for. The Customs Department is advised, however, that the Wabash Railway Company has paid duty on repairs to several engines during 1900. 5. I am informed that no complaint has been received at the Customs Department regarding the Wabash Railway Company being allowed to repair their Canadian engines in the United States, unless the following inquiries, contained in a letter from the hon. member for East Elgin can be so regarded, viz.: Whether the Department of Customs have any agreement with the Wabash Railway Company which would give them the right to take their engines or other rolling stock of their company over to their own shops in the United States for the purpose of repairs, and, if so, how does the Department of Customs arrive at the amount of duty (if any is paid) the company should pay on such repairs?

CENSUS COMMISSIONER FOR EAST ELGIN.

Mr. INGRAM asked:

1. Who is appointed Census Commissioner for the electoral district of East Elgin?
2. How many applicants applied for the position, and what are their names?
3. How many applied for the position of enumerator? What are their names, and how many have been selected up to date?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Hon. Sydney A. Fisher). Mr. Speaker, in reply to the hon. gentleman's question, I would say that Mr. A. D. McGugan will be the census commissioner for the electoral district of East Elgin. In reply to questions 2 and 3, I would say that there have been no applicants.

Mr. INGRAM. Did the hon. gentleman (Hon. Mr. Fisher) say Mr. McGugan for East Elgin or West Elgin?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. A. D. McGugan for East Elgin.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANADIAN MINT.

Mr. INGRAM asked:

Is it the intention of the government to establish a Canadian mint? If so, where and when?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding). In reply to the hon. gentleman

(Mr. Ingram), I would say that a measure respecting the establishing of a mint in Canada will be introduced during the present session.

DEFACED OR MUTILATED COINS.

Mr. INGRAM asked:

Is it the intention of the government to call in all defaced or mutilated coin?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding). There has never been any provision in the Currency Act of Canada for the calling in of defaced or mutilated coins, and the government has no authority at present to take such action. Persons who clip or deface current coins, or who utter such clipped or defaced coins, are liable to prosecution and punishment under the provisions of the Criminal Code. Defaced coins, under the Currency Act, cease to be legal tender, and should be refused by everybody. Whether it is expedient to amend the law in respect to mutilated or defaced coins is a question for future consideration.

GRAIN RECEIVED AT INLAND CANADIAN PORTS.

Mr. BENNETT asked:

How many bushels of grain were received at the following ports during the season of navigation of 1900, and the port of shipment from where same was received: Midland, Owen Sound, Parry Sound, Collingwood, Goderich and Sarnia?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Hon. Wm. Paterson). In reply to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bennett), I would state that as soon as the notice of the question appeared on the paper, the Department of Customs wired to the different ports mentioned in the question for the information. It has not been received yet from all the ports, but the moment it is received, I will communicate the answer to the House.

REVISION OF DOMINION STATUTES.

Mr. LaRIVIERE asked:

Will a revision of the Dominion Statutes take place at an early date?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL (Mr. Fitzpatrick). In reply to the hon. gentleman (Mr. LaRivière), I would say that a revision of the Dominion statutes will take place at an early date.

DOMINION LANDS ACT.

Mr. LaRIVIERE asked:

Is it the intention of the government to amend the Dominion Lands Act reducing the rate of interest on the unpaid portion of the price of public lands sold on terms?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Hon. Clifford Sifton). Yes. The Act referred to having fixed the standard rate of interest at 5 per cent, it is proposed to ask parlia-