

similar, and I did not make the recommendation until every fact was thoroughly investigated. The merchants' books of accounts and his sales were checked, his character was known, and we all believed he actually suffered a loss through the mistake of the officer.

Mr. RIDER. Do I understand from the Controller that inspection takes place only once in five years? Inspection should take place oftener; and I fail to see how the inspector performed his duty if he allowed the article to be used five years without being inspected.

Mr. WOOD (Brockville). We allowed less than one-half of the claim. We did not allow it for two years. There was some evidence, clear evidence, that this particular measure was in use and had been used by the merchant.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What did the discrepancy amount to?

Mr. WOOD (Brockville). I have the whole account here. The claim consisted of 63 gallons of molasses at 40 cents; 41 gallons of syrup at 52 cents; 298 gallons of oil at 20 cents; 89 gallons of vinegar. The account is a very long one.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. It appears this was a measure of general utility. If he used the same measure for coal oil and molasses, all I can say is that the stomachs of the natives of that locality must have been well fortified.

Mr. FRASER. When did the Minister decide the question?

Mr. WOOD (Brockville). Some two or three months ago.

#### Post Office—Outside Service—

Amount required to complete the payments for mail service on the Intercolonial Railway for the year 1894-95.	\$19,289 09
Amount required to complete the payments for ordinary mail service....	40,000 00

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is the cause of these two large amounts, \$20,000 and \$40,000?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. With regard to the \$19,289, a portion of the Intercolonial railway, by statute, was placed upon the main line, and became therefore entitled to receive pay at the rate of \$130 per mile, and that is Government railway in Cape Breton.

Mr. FRASER. Has that made any difference in carrying the mails in Cape Breton? When you pay the Intercolonial, did you pay as much for carrying the mails as formerly?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. Of course not. The hon. gentleman means that the contracts for carrying the mails before the railway took charge were different from what they are now. When the railway took charge, several contracts which we had given natu-

rally had to be cancelled, and are now replaced by the railway which carries the mail.

Mr. FRASER. Has the Minister applied the same rule to all the contracts?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. Yes.

Mr. FRASER. It is very strange that one man there should be getting \$9,000 when he only got \$6,000 before.

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. We have not come to him yet.

Mr. FRASER. I will come to him when we get to the other estimates.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. What is the explanation of the vote of \$40,000 required for additional mail service?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. The whole service costs about \$800,000, and it is impossible to get any closer than we have done so far, and this is to complete the amount to pay for the whole service.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. That is rather a loose way of doing business. Surely the department could estimate within \$40,000. Have there been additional routes opened? Has any additional service been rendered for this \$40,000? It does seem a loose way to come down and say you want \$40,000 because you could not estimate within that amount. Has there been any additional number of new post offices brought into service to account for the discrepancy?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. There are new tenders coming in every day and the old ones running out. When I say that the whole service represents \$800,000, I think I am quite within the bounds in saying that \$40,000 is not to be considered as very large.

Resolutions reported.

Mr. FOSTER moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 12.40 a.m. (Wednesday).

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 12th June, 1895.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 115) for the relief of Helen Woodburn Jarvis (from the Senate).—(Mr. Edgar.)