

MR. J. E. LAREAU.

*Mr. L. J. GAUTHIER:

1. Is there a person named J. E. Lareau employed by the Government as purchaser or inspector of hay at Montreal?

2. If so, since what date, and what is his salary?

Mr. HAZEN: There is no person of the name of J. E. Lareau in the employment of the Government as inspector of hay at Montreal. There is a person of that name employed by the British Government as inspector at Montreal.

PURCHASE OF SS. HOCHELAGA.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. From whom was the steamer Hochelaga bought by the Government?

2. How much was paid for her?

3. How much was spent on improvements?

4. When was she purchased?

5. How long has she been laid up since her purchase?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. Dropped.

2. \$70,000.

3. \$22,642.18.

4. 31st July, 1915.

5. The fitting out took 18 days. The vessel was in service all fall; not being required during the winter months she was laid up in Halifax on 20th December, 1915.

WAR SUPPLIES—HORSES FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

*Mr. J. J. HUGHES:

1. Where is the French Government purchasing horses in Canada?

2. What are the names and addresses of the parties representing the French Government in this matter?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We are endeavouring to procure this information. I understand that the Hudson Bay Company have purchased some supplies for the French Government, but I am not quite sure as to the nature and extent of these. The officer connected with the purchase of horses, who was recently in Ottawa, is absent at the present time; but the information will be procured as soon as possible.

REMOUNTS FOR CANADIAN FORCES.

*Mr. SINCLAIR:

With reference to the statement made by the Prime Minister on February 14, inst., unrevised Hansard, page 795, referring to the purchase of remounts, why does not the Canadian Government purchase in Canada such horses as are required for the use of the Canadian Forces?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: As already explained to the House, the Canadian Government made an arrangement by which the British Government should purchase all

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horses required in the future for the Canadian forces, as well as for the British forces. Up to the time that this arrangement was made the Government of Canada had purchased in this country more horses than were required for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. The horses in excess of those actually required up to that time were handed over to the British Government under the arrangement already explained to the House, and these will be accounted for by the British Government. The arrangement already made, and to which allusion has been made in the House, provides that the British Government shall in future purchase horses for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces as well as for the British forces. In addition to that, however, there will be required in Canada from time to time, for the training of our artillery and for other purposes, a certain number of horses which are not included in this arrangement, and these will be purchased by the Canadian Government. Furthermore, it is understood between the British Government and the Canadian Government that, in respect to future purchases, the British Government will purchase in Canada at least as many horses as may in the future be required for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Looking to the necessities of the British Government in that regard, I have no doubt that a very much larger number of horses will be purchased in the future by the British Government than would be required to be purchased by the Canadian Government under the arrangement which was carried out during the first year of the war.

OPEN SEASON FOR LOBSTERS.

Mr. MACDONALD:

1. What is the date of the open season for lobsters in Northumberland straits, between Cape George and Malagash?

2. Why is the season shorter in this particular district than in the district to the west of it?

3. Have any requests or petitions been received asking for the lengthening of the season?

4. Has any action been taken in regard to these requests?

Mr. HAZEN:

1. April 26 to June 25, both days inclusive.

2. This season applies as far west as River Philip.

3. Yes, one such petition was received over a year ago.

4. The petition was carefully considered; but as the existing fishing season was that recommended by the Atlantic Committee