

been removed from the postmastership of that office.

2. Mr. Kavanagh had been postmaster of Brandon since August, 1881.

3. In view of the representations made in the matter, a post office investigation was not considered necessary.

4. Mr. Kenneth Campbell is now postmaster of Brandon. He was appointed on December 24 last.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Mr. CLARKE asked :

At what date was the first instalment of 'MS.' of the Auditor General's Report for last fiscal year sent to the government printing office?

Has all the 'MS.' of the report been sent in to the government printing office?

At what date was the last instalment of copy sent to the government printing office?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) :

1. September 11, 1900.
2. Yes ; the report is presented.
3. February 6, 1901.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. LIONEL DANSEREAU TO HOUSE OF COMMONS STAFF.

Mr. TAYLOR (by Mr. Clarke) asked :

1. Has a Mr. Dansereau been appointed to a position on the staff of the House of Commons?
2. If so, what are the duties of the office?
3. What is the salary attached?
4. Is Mr. Dansereau a son of the editor of La Presse newspaper?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier) :

1. Mr. Lionel Dansereau has been appointed assistant clerk of French journals, to fill the vacancy caused by the demise of the late Mr. G. I. Barthe.

2. His duties are to assist the clerk of French journals in the translation of the journals and the appendices.

3. Salary to be fixed by Mr. Speaker and the Board of Internal Economy.

4. Mr. Lionel Dansereau is a son of Mr. A. Dansereau, of Montreal.

CONTRACT WITH KINGSTON LOCOMOTIVE WORKS.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked :

1. Is the correspondence between Hon. James Sutherland and Hon. William Harty set out in the following poster (used in the recent general election in Kingston, Ont.), authentic?

2. If yes, what is the date of the order in council referred to in the telegram from Hon. James Sutherland to Hon. William Harty of November 5, 1900?

3. What the terms of the order in council (briefly stated)?

4. Was any formal contract, based on the said correspondence, entered into? If so, when?

5. What are the terms of such contract (briefly stated)?

Mr. SIFTON.

Locomotive Works Bought—Hon. Wm. Harty is Kingston's Friend—Has Orders for Thirty-two Locomotives—Twenty for the Government and Twelve for Mackenzie & Mann—Where was the Conservative Help for the City on this Occasion—Read the Government's Contract Below and Thank Liberals for Redeeming a Big Industry.

The correspondence closing the order: Kingston, November 3, 1900.—Hon. James Sutherland, acting Minister of Railways and Canals, Woodstock: Dear Sir,—I expect to be possessor of the locomotive works in this city on Monday next. I now beg to offer you as follows: I will build (20) twenty locomotive engines for the Intercolonial Railway upon any specification the officials of that railway may furnish me, and will guarantee the engines as being as good in every respect as you can buy from any other builder. In order to settle the question of price and to ensure the work being done by Canadian workmen, I will guarantee to make the price per engine \$500 less than you can import the same from any foreign locomotive engine builder. Kindly let me have your order by wire. Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) Wm. Harty.

Montreal, November 5, 1900.—Hon. James Sutherland, Woodstock, Ont.—Arrived here this morning, Windsor Hotel, will be here all day. Please answer my letter of Saturday by wire if possible. (Sgd.), William Harty.

Hon. Wm. Harty, Windsor Hotel, Montreal.—Have received no letter from you. (Sgd.) James Sutherland.

Hon. James Sutherland, Woodstock, Ont.—I mailed you a letter from Kingston Saturday night. You will likely receive it this afternoon. Wire answer to it if possible. (Sgd.), Wm. Harty.

Hon. William Harty, Windsor Hotel, Montreal.—Your offer to build twenty locomotive engines for the Intercolonial Railway accepted. Order in council already passed to this effect. (Sgd.), James Sutherland, acting Minister of Railways and Canals.

Montreal, November 5, 1900.—Hon. James Sutherland, Woodstock, Ont.—Thanks for order. (Sgd.), William Harty.

Montreal, November 6, 1900.—Edward J. B. Pense, Kingston, Ont.—Have just completed, at 4 p.m., purchase of locomotive works from liquidators. Have secured contract from government for twenty engines for Intercolonial Railway, and am promised twelve by Mackenzie & Mann. In endeavouring to help myself I rejoice in indirectly being able to do something for my old employees of the locomotive works. Home to-morrow noon. (Sgd.), William Harty.

The Option to Mr. King Ended Monday—Mr. Harty Bought Tuesday—No Delay About That.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair). Mr. Speaker, I can make no statement as to the publication of the poster referred to in the question, but the correspondence as set forth is substantially correct. The government was attacked by its opponents for placing orders for locomotives in the United States of America, although there was no manufacturing establishment then in operation in Canada capable of executing the orders, and when a company of Canadian capitalists was prepared to revive, enlarge and sufficiently capitalize the Kingston works,