

those employes in the militia offices discharged by reason of age or infirmity?

Mr. CARON. In reply to the hon. member, I have the honor to inform him that the existing law does not allow the Government to place on half-pay, or grant a pension to those employes in the militia offices discharged by reason of age or infirmity.

MILITARY COLLEGE AT KINGSTON.

Mr. AMYOT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish the Military College at Kingston?

Mr. CARON. In reply to the hon. member, I have the honor to inform him that it is not the intention of the Government to abolish the Military College at Kingston.

MILITARY SCHOOLS FOR THE INFANTRY SERVICE.

Mr. AMYOT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to open, in the principal cities of the Dominion, Military Schools for the infantry service (similar to those in operation about 1863, the success of which was so complete), in order that the infantry battalions may complete their complement of officers and non-commissioned officers, who will first have been enabled to acquire suitable instruction in the military art, and so prevent the active militia from becoming rapidly ineffective?

Mr. MACKENZIE. I object to the question, because it contains statements which are controverted.

Mr. SPEAKER. The first part is not objectionable, but the last part must be withdrawn.

Mr. AMYOT. I have no objection to withdraw the latter part, as it does not meet with general approval, although I thought the fact stated was admitted.

Mr. MACKENZIE. What is the question, as amended?

Mr. SPEAKER. It is: Whether it is the intention of the Government to open, in the principal cities of the Dominion, military schools for the infantry service?

Mr. CARON. I beg to state that it is not the intention of the Government at present to open schools, in the different cities of the Dominion, for the infantry service.

THE CORVETTE CHARYBDIS.

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury) enquired, (1) Whether it is the intention of the Government to utilize the steam corvette *Charybdis* as a training ship, as was originally proposed; and if so, when? If not, why not? (2) What has been the entire outlay by Canada in connection with the *Charybdis*?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I beg leave to say to the hon. member that the best mode of utilizing the steam corvette *Charybdis* engages the serious attention of the Government. As to the total outlay by Canada in connection with the *Charybdis*, if the hon. gentleman will move for a return, I will bring it down; or, on this question, I will bring down a return.

THE CLAIM OF JOSEPH CHARLES LISLOIS.

Mr. LANDRY enquired, Whether the Government have taken into consideration, in accordance with the promise by them made, on the 16th March, 1881, the question of paying to Mr. Joseph Charles Lislois, the amount of the losses sustained by him in the destruction by fire of one of his buildings, caused by one of the locomotives of the Government on the Intercolonial Railway? What decision have the Government come to; and if it be adverse, what legal and equitable reasons can prevent a Government from

repairing a wrong which the report of the official arbitrator shews to have been really done by them to a private individual?

Mr. MACKENZIE. I object to this question on the same grounds as in the previous case.

Mr. SPEAKER. The question must be, What decision have the Government arrived at in regard to the claimant in question?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. In reply to the hon. gentleman, I desire to say that the Government have considered the question and have decided that they cannot entertain this claim.

THE TELEGRAPH SYSTEM OF THE DOMINION.

Mr. GAULT enquired, Whether the Government have taken into consideration the propriety of assuming the telegraph system of the Dominion and running it in connection with the Post Office Department, the telegraph system to-day being under the control of foreigners.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The question is open to the same objection. We do not know that the telegraph system is under the control of foreigners.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. In answer to the hon. gentleman, I may say that the Government has not taken this matter into consideration.

HAGGAS' WATER ELEVATORS.

Mr. WHEELER enquired, Whether the new system of supplying water to locomotives as adopted on the Government Railways in Prince Edward Island and the Canadian Pacific, known as the "Haggas' Water Elevators," is giving as good satisfaction as was claimed for it at the time it was adopted on the above railways.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I desire to say, in answer to the hon. gentleman that the adoption of the Haggas' Water Elevator system on the Prince Edward Island Railway has given the most entire satisfaction, and has proved to be quite equal to what it was represented. So far as the Canadian Pacific Railway is concerned, the portion of the road on which that system has been adopted, is as yet in the hands of the contractors, and I have no knowledge further than that it is perfectly satisfactory.

MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL TAXES.

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury) enquired, Whether the Government intend, during the present Session of Parliament, to bring in a Bill making Dominion officials liable to pay municipal and local taxes upon their incomes, as is the case with other ratepayers?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Government do not intend to propose such a measure.

GOODS FOR THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Mr. KILLAM enquired, Whether any individuals or firms are permitted to import, free of duty, any goods for the use of the Intercolonial Railway; and if so, what are their names?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I have to say, in reply to the hon. gentleman, that no individuals or firms are permitted to import goods for the Intercolonial Railway free of duty.

MAILS FROM STRATFORD TO CHESLEY.

Mr. GILLIES enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to have the mails carried from Stratford to