

from any officer of the Government? If so, what is the amount thereof, and what services did he perform therefor? What service is he now performing?

Mr. McLELAN. Alfred Ogden was in the employ of the Marine and Fisheries Department for a time collecting specimens for the Fisheries Exhibition and preparing, verifying, and paying bounty claims at a remuneration of \$150 a month. He is not now performing any work for the Department.

CARLETON POST OFFICE.

Mr. WELDON enquired, From whom was the land upon which the post office in Carleton, city of St. John, N.B., is being erected, purchased, and for what price? What is the amount of contract for building, and who is the contractor? Is the cost of building the foundation included in the contract? If not, what will be the extra cost of foundation?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The site of that post office was purchased from the mayor and aldermen of the city of St. John for \$900. The amount of the contract was \$8,951. The contractors are Messrs. Causey, Bond & Milden. The cost of the foundation is included in the contract price. Further information can be found on page 22 of the Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for 1883.

EMPLOYMENT OF J. A. WILKINSON.

Mr. CAMERON (Middlesex) enquired, Has J. A. Wilkinson been in the employment of the Government during the past three years, or during any portion of that time; if so, during what time; what was his salary or compensation; how much has he received from the Government during the said three years past for services or otherwise? Is he now in the employment of the Government; if so, in what capacity and what salary? If not now employed, when did he cease to be so employed?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. On the 17th of October, 1882, by Order in Council, Mr. J. A. Wilkinson and Mr. A. F. Wood were appointed land valuers on the Murray Canal, to value land to be required at Burleigh, Buckhorn, and Fenelon Falls, at a remuneration of \$10 per day each, and travelling and hotel expenses during the time of their employment. Mr. Wilkinson has received as valuator \$2,580 as salary, and \$1,301.56 for expenses. Mr. Wilkinson is now employed only when his services may be required by the Department, and as occasion may require.

EMPLOYMENT OF A. H. BLACKEBY.

Mr. SOMERVILLE (Brant) enquired, Is A. H. Blackeby, of Galt, Ontario, in the employ of the Government in any capacity? If not, when did he cease to be so employed? What amount has he received up to date for services as Commissioner in connection with the inspection of factories?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Mr. Blackeby is not in the employ of the Government, and has not been for a year, I think. The sums that have been paid to him for the services referred to appear in the Public Accounts now before the House.

MR. ACHILLE TALBOT.

Mr. RINFRET enquired, Is Mr. Achille Talbot an employé of the Government? What is his salary?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. (Translation.) Yes; Mr. Talbot is an employé of the Branch of Correspondence, with a salary of \$2 per day.

POST OFFICE AT ST. HYACINTHE.

Mr. BERNIER enquired, Whether the Government or any of its members has received a petition signed by the inhab-

Mr. ROBERTSON (Shelburne.)

itants of the city of St. Hyacinthe, praying for the erection of a post office in that city? If so, whether the Government proposes to grant this request, and place in the Supplementary Estimates a sum sufficient for the building of such post office?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. (Translation.) Certain documents have been received: a letter, bearing date the 8th of October, 1883, from the ex-member, Mr. Tellier, praying that a building be erected; later on, on the 3rd of November, 1883, extracts from the *Courrier de St. Hyacinthe*, calling attention to the wants of the locality in that respect; then, on the 17th of November, 1883, a letter from the hon. member himself, stating that a petition to that effect was being signed; and on the 14th of November, 1883, another letter from Mr. Tellier, accompanying a petition of the inhabitants of St. Hyacinthe, praying that such a building be erected. I cannot answer the last part of the question, because the Supplementary Estimates are not yet passed. When they are brought down the hon. gentleman will see whether there is anything for him or not, and if there is not anything, he must do like others—he will have to wait.

MONTREAL DRILL SHED.

Mr. BERNIER enquired, What are the names of the contractors who have been given the contract for the rebuilding of the drill hall at Montreal? What is the name of the architect entrusted by the Government with the preparation of the plans and the superintendence of the work while being executed? And what is the name of the inspecting officer of works for the rebuilding of this hall?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. (Translation.) The names of the contractors are Messrs. J. B. St. Louis Bros., of Montreal. The name of the contractors for the iron roof is that of a company called "The Hamilton Bridge and Tool Company," from Hamilton. The specifications have been prepared by the Department of Public Works. The name of the architect is Mr. Alphonse Raza, of Montreal. The name of the inspector is Mr. Alphonse Lapierre, also of Montreal.

DOMINION LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

Mr. AMYOT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government—if the Dominion Liquor License Act is not repealed—to furnish to the Boards of License Commissioners in the Province of Quebec, the petitions, certificates, and other blank forms in relation to the said licenses, in the French language, especially for use in those counties exclusively French?

Mr. COSTIGAN. Blank forms have been prepared and are being distributed.

WORKS AT ISLE-AUX-NOIX.

Mr. BOURASSA enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to complete the works for improving access to Ile-aux-Noix? If so, whether they propose to place in the Supplementary Estimates a sum sufficient to perfect the said works.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. (Translation.) There has been no demand to that effect made to the Department of Public Works. The Department does not know that there is any need of improvement there. Nevertheless I shall enquire.

WYANDOTTE INDIANS.

Mr. PATTERSON (Essex) enquired, Whether the moneys payable upon their enfranchisement to the Wyandotte Band of Indians of the township of Anderdon in the county of Essex, have yet been distributed? If not, when the distribution may be expected to be made?