

of military pattern, except British, have been imported into Canada since 1905, with the exception of a few samples.

2. Yes, from foreign countries.

3. Notice was given 20th January, 1909, requiring license for the importation of military rifles except from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

4. No.

#### PURCHASE OF SURPLUS WHEAT.

##### Mr. TURRIFF:

1. When the Government discussed with the British Government the question of securing the surplus wheat of Canada for the Empire, did they inform them of their intention to place wheat on the free list in order to open the United States markets to Canadian wheat?

2. When Sir George Foster asked the Canadian Western farmers to agree to accept \$1.30 per bushel for their wheat based on number one northern grade at Fort William, did he know that the Government was going to place wheat on the free list?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The Imperial Wheat Commission discussed with the Minister of Trade and Commerce the desire of the British Government to secure the surplus wheat production of Canada. The proposal to purchase at \$1.30 per bushel was made, not by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, but by the Imperial Wheat Commission and was communicated to representatives of the Canadian Council of Agriculture by the Minister of Trade and Commerce. The subject of duties on wheat products between the United States and Canada was not at that time made a subject of discussion.

#### FRASER RIVER CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS.

##### Mr. KYTE:

1. How much money was voted in 1912 for improvements in the Fraser river channel, British Columbia?

2. Was any portion of this amount spent in 1912-13 on the Fraser river? If so, how much?

3. Was any contract awarded to a company for performing this work?

4. What quantities of material were removed, and what prices were paid?

5. Were any tenders called for performance of the work?

6. If so, who were the tenderers, and what was the amount of each tender?

##### Mr. REID:

1. \$258,000, as follows: (a) Training pier (Steveston), \$200,000; (b) improvements at Nicomen Slough, \$5,000; (c) Lower river improvements, \$40,000; (d) Fraser & Thompson river wharfs (allotment), \$13,000.

2. Yes. (a) Training pier (Steveston), \$76,197.03; (b) improvements at Nicomen Slough, \$4,293.11; (c) maintenance of snag boats, repairs to wharfs, driving piles, etc.,

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\$32,978.11; (d) Fraser river wharfs: Gordon Road \$1,530.75, Green's Landing \$2,385.70, Ladner's Landing \$2,503.42, McIvor's Landing \$1,863.45, Murphy's Landing \$2,264; \$11,652.15; generally, \$1,304.83. Total, \$125,120.40.

3. A contract was awarded to the Sinclair Construction Company for the construction of a training pier at Steveston.

4, 5 and 6. No dredging by contract was done on the Fraser river during the fiscal year 1912-13. \$78,228.62 was expended from the general vote for dredging, British Columbia, for the operation of departmental dredges on the Fraser river in the year mentioned.

##### Mr. KYTE:

1. Was any work done in cleaning the river channel at Helsgate in the Fraser river canyon during the past five years, of rock blasted into the channel by the Canadian Northern Railway construction?

2. If so, who performed this work?

3. Were tenders called for the contract?

4. If so, who were the tenderers, and what were the prices?

5. Were there any tenders called for the jetty at the mouth of the Fraser river?

6. By whom was this work performed?

7. How much money was paid for the performance of this work?

##### Mr. PATENAUDE:

1. Yes.

2. The Pacific Dredging Company.

3. No.

4. Answered by No. 3.

5. Tenders were called to build the first section of the jetty at the mouth of the Fraser river and contract was awarded to the Sinclair Construction Co.; they gave up the contract and new tenders were called and contract for completion was awarded to Messrs. Broley & Martin. The second section was advertised for tenders and contract awarded to Messrs. Marsh, Hutton & Powers. This contract was subsequently extended by Order in Council dated 15th August, 1916, for an additional 1,800 feet.

6. Answered by No. 5.

7. \$719,815.04 to 31st March, 1917.

#### PACIFIC DREDGING COMPANY.

##### Mr. KYTE:

1. Is the Pacific Dredging Company, who have received \$796,090.57 for dredging in False Creek, Vancouver, B.C., a Canadian company?

2. If so, where was it incorporated?

3. If not, where was it incorporated, and when?

Mr. REID: The Secretary of State Department supplies the following information: "Pacific Dredging Company, Limited, on record in British Columbia, incorpor-