

6. How much has Mr. O'Leary been paid?
7. If not paid yet, how much is Mr. O'Leary to be paid?
8. What were the special qualifications of Mr. O'Leary for the position of conductor of the inquiry?
9. What was the date of the inquiry?
10. When was the report sent in to the Government?
11. Is the same agent still in the same office?
12. Has Mr. Hugh O'Leary been in the employ of this Government in any other capacity at any time since June, 1896?

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). 1. Yes. 2. Commissioner. 3. Various charges of malfeasance and active political partisanship. 4. Investigation not yet concluded. 5. Not known. 6. \$50. 7. Not known. 8. Barrister. 9. The inquiry was first entered into in the last days of December. 10. Not yet sent in. 11. Yes. 12. Not in Indian Department or any other department.

QUEBEC FORTIFICATION WALLS.

Mr. DUGAS (for Mr. Casgrain) asked :

Are the Government aware that the fortification and other walls belonging to the Dominion of Canada or under its control, in the city of Quebec, are in a very bad state of repair, and that in at least two places they have fallen over into the street and are a danger to property and life? Is it the intention of the Government to ask the House to vote a substantial sum towards repairing the said walls?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). The Government are aware that the fortification walls belonging to the Dominion in the city of Quebec are in a very bad state of repair and are taking measures to have them put in better condition. The Government have under consideration the necessity of asking the House to vote a proper sum for the repairing of these walls.

THE FISHERIES CASE.

Mr. HUGHES (for Mr. Casgrain) asked :

1. Whether it is the intention of the Government to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from the judgment rendered on 13th October, 1896, by the Supreme Court, in the fisheries case?
2. If so, have the Government taken any and what steps towards entering the said appeal?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). It is the intention of the Government to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court in the fisheries case. The Government have already applied for leave, which has been granted. The case is set down for argument and will be argued during the coming summer.

Mr. HUGHES.

DR. NAP. LAVOIE AND "LA CANADIENNE."

Mr. DUGAS asked :

1. Has Dr. Napoléon Lavoie, of L'Islet, been appointed commander of the steamer "La Canadienne"?
2. If not, is it the intention of the Government to appoint him to that position?
3. Has Dr. Nap. Lavoie been appointed to another position by the Government?
4. If so, what is the nature of the position; what is the salary attached to it; what are his duties; how long has he been under pay; is he empowered to engage men to assist him in the discharge of his duties, and if so, how many?
5. If Dr. Lavoie has been appointed to a position, where is he to reside?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Mr. Davies). Dr. Napoleon Lavoie has not been appointed commander of the steamer "La Canadienne," but has been appointed inspector of the gulf fisheries to take the place of Commander Wakeham, who has been appointed to the command of the Hudson Bay expedition, and he will be commander of the "Aberdeen," which takes "La Canadienne's" place. The salary is \$1,200 a year, and the duties are the same as those performed by Commander Wakeham. Dr. Lavoie is not authorized to engage men without the consultation of the Government. He is to reside at L'Islet. Most of his time will be spent aboard the "Aberdeen," as Commander Wakeham's was spent aboard "La Canadienne."

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. What has become of "La Canadienne."

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. She is laid up for repairs.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY AND MONTREAL.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER asked :

Whether the hon. the First Minister can explain the contradiction contained in the Speech from the Throne where the following words were used by His Excellency :—

"I have much satisfaction in informing you that arrangements have been concluded, which, if you approve, will enable the Intercolonial Railway system to reach Montreal, and thus share in the large traffic centering in that city. The advantages which will flow from this extension of that railway are apparent, and I have no doubt you will gladly approve of the proposal."

And the statement made by the Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, in the House, contained in the revised "Hansard" of April 7th, page 597, as follows :—

"I want to repeat what I said the other day, that the matter is still under negotiation between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Government. It may be that these arrangements shall come to nothing; it may be that while we are finally settling the conditions they will not be agreed upon, and in that case all that has been done will avail nothing."