

**POLES FOR ST. LAWRENCE TELE-
GRAPH LINE.**

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) asked :

1. Is the Government getting out cedar posts for the telegraph line on the north shore of the St. Lawrence ?
2. If so, who has the contract and what is the price per post, and where deliverable ?
3. Were tenders called for ?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). 1. Yes. 2. Mr. L. P. DeCourval, of Arthabaska, P.Q., at 85 cents per pole, deliverable at Chicoutimi, St. Alphonse, Grande Baie, St. Alexis, Anse St. Jean, Tadousac or Bergeronnes. 3. Tenders were called for. Four were received, the lowest of which was that of Mr. DeCourval for \$1.15 per pole, but the Minister considering the price too high succeeded in having it reduced to 85 cents per pole as stated above.

W. T. O'DONAHUE, OF ROBerval.

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) asked :

1. Is it true that the Government is paying, or has paid a salary to one W. T. O'Donahue, of Roberval, in the county of Chicoutimi, as caretaker of the dredge in winter quarters at that place
2. If so, what is the amount per day, or per month, paid to that person ?
3. How much has the care of the said vessel cost to date ?
4. Who recommended O'Donahue to the Government for that service ?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). 1. Yes. 2. \$20 per month. 3. \$20. 4. Mr. P. V. Savard, M.P.

CLAIMS OF J. A. CLAREAU.

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) asked :

Has J. A. Clareau, hotel-keeper, of Chicoutimi, presented, since June, 1896, to the Department of Public Works, through the intervention of J. C. Blais, engineer, claims for timber and other material furnished by him for the construction or repairing of the wharf at Chicoutimi or at Ste. Anne ?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). Mr. J. A. Clareau has been paid the following sums for timber supplied to the work at Chicoutimi:—1896-97, \$246.50 ; 1897-98, \$78.50 ; 1898-99, so far, \$325.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). 1. It does not appear that Mr. Léonce P. Bilodeau, of Roberval, has been employed in any capacity.

DR. J. A. DUCHESNE.

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) asked :

1. Has Dr. J. A. Duchesne, veterinary surgeon, of Chicoutimi, solicited, directly or through others, the work of inspecting cattle for tuberculosis in the county of Chicoutimi, since June, 1896 ?
2. Is it true that he has complained of the fact that Dr. Hall was appointed to do the work in his district ?
3. If so, what were the reasons given to Dr. Duchesne for refusing him the said work ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). I may say, Mr. Speaker, that there is a considerable correspondence on this subject in the department which cannot be properly represented by a categorical answer to this question. Therefore, I must ask the hon. gentleman to make a motion for the papers, and I will bring them down at once.

DR. HALL, OF QUEBEC.

Mr. CASGRAIN (by Mr. Bergeron) asked :

1. Has Dr. Hall, veterinary surgeon, of Quebec, been appointed to inspect cattle for the discovery of tuberculosis, at Hébertville, and elsewhere, in the county of Chicoutimi ?
2. If so, who authorized him to act, and on whose recommendation ?
3. How many herds has he examined ?
4. Is it true that he has been replaced in the work of inspection by one of his brothers ?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). I must answer this question in the same way as I did the one that immediately preceded it.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER (Pictou).