

duals or corporations? If so, what quantity of lands were involved, what was the nature of the transaction, and the consideration involved?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). No.

PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES.

Mr. PARMELEE asked:

1. Has the government received a request from the provincial governments for a conference to present their claims for a readjustment of provincial subsidies?

2. Is it the intention of the government to have such a conference? If so, when?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister):

1. The government has received a request from the provincial governments for a conference to present their claims for a readjustment of provincial subsidies.

2. It is the intention of the government to have such a conference to discuss the claims of the provinces and various other subjects affecting their relation to the Dominion. It is expected that this conference will take place during the recess between this session and the next.

KENTVILLE RIFLE RANGE.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES—by Mr. Taylor—asked:

1. What is the result of the reference to the Exchequer Court of the Nova Scotia rifle range question?

2. Has an award been made?

3. Has the government accepted the award, if one has been made?

4. If not, why not?

5. Has the range been completed?

6. What is the cost up to the end of 1905, (a) of the range grounds; (b) of the improvements?

7. Is it the intention to use the range as a provincial drill ground as well as for a range?

8. Is the range suitable for artillery as well as rifle firing?

Hon. CHAS. FITZPATRICK (Minister of Justice). Mr. Crawley, barrister, of Kentville, N.S., was appointed special referee by the Exchequer Court and made his report on October 18, 1904, awarding the defendant \$38,000. From this report the Crown appealed and after argument the Court referred the matter again to the referee to report upon certain specified points. He made his supplementary report on September 18, 1905, confirming his former finding and award in all particulars. From the latter report the Crown also appealed, and the case was argued a few days ago and the court reserved its judgment, which has not yet been delivered.

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals). I answer on behalf of the Minister of Militia and Defence:

Mr. FOSTER.

5. Yes.

6. (a) None. (b) \$14,992.40.

7. Yes.

8. No.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA DURING THE LAST YEAR.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES—by Mr. Taylor—asked:

1. How many immigrants reached Canada during last year from each (a) Great Britain and Ireland; (b) the continent (mainland) of Europe; (c) Iceland; (d) the United States of America; (e) other countries?

2. What was the bonus per head to those from each of the above paid by the Canadian government?

3. To whom were the cheques in each case made payable?

4. Who regulates or decides to whom payments are to be made?

5. Has W. T. R. Preston authority to make payments to agents or subagents for steamship or railway companies for immigration?

6. What companies or agents, or subagents have received moneys for immigration during the last two years, and by whom were they paid?

7. What sums have been disposed of upon the recommendation or authority of W. T. R. Preston, in each year 1902-3, 1903-4 and 1904-5.

8. Who were the members of the North Atlantic Trading Company during 1903-4 and 1904-5?

9. What is the North Atlantic Trading Company?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. There reached Canada during the last fiscal year from:

(a) Great Britain and Ireland.. 65,359

(b) The Continent, Mainland of

Europe..... 35,108

(c) Iceland..... 413

(d) The United States of America 43,652

(e) Other countries..... 1,734

Total..... 146,266

2. a. In Great Britain the bonus is paid on agriculturists, domestic servants and persons intending to follow those occupations in Canada. To ordinary booking agents the bonus is 7 shillings on those over 12 years of age and 3s.6d. on those between one and 12 years. In the case of the Salvation Army, the bonus is on the same classes, but at the rate of 12 shillings on those over 12 years of age, and 6 shillings on those between one and 12 years. A bonus is paid to various philanthropic societies who bring to Canada children who have not been inmates of work-houses, industrial schools, penitentiaries, prisons, reformatories or other like institutions. In several cases a bonus of \$3 is paid to parties bringing domestic servants to Canada.

b. On agriculturists and domestic servants coming from Holland, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Switzerland, a bonus of £1 per head is paid to