

DUTY ON PULP MILL MACHINERY.

Mr. FOSTER (by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) asked,

Has the Chicoutimi Pulp Mill been permitted to import and use in their factory machinery without the payment of duty? If so, has this been done on a general system which is to be extended to other like companies? What is the amount of duty so held in suspense, if any?

The MINISTER OF CUSTOMS (Mr. Paterson). Machinery for the Chicoutimi Pulp Mill was permitted to be entered in bond for three months during the construction of the mill and pending examination by a customs appraiser from the port of Quebec. The arrangement was only temporary and was a special one, made owing to exceptional circumstances. The time has elapsed and payment of duty has been demanded. The amount of duty held in suspense is \$2,137.

QUEEN'S PRINTER.

Mr. COPP asked,

Who is the Queen's Printer or deputy head of the Printing and Stationery Department? When was he employed? What profession or calling did he follow previous to his appointment? Is he a practical printer?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). The Queen's Printer and Controller of Stationery is Mr. Samuel Edward Dawson, Doctor-in-Letters of Laval University and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He was appointed on 7th November, 1891. From early youth he has been continuously engaged in publishing, importing, manufacturing and selling printed books; in dealing in paper and manufacturing blank books and other manufactures of paper. From 1862 to 1889 he was head of the publishing house of Dawson Brothers of Montreal. His practical knowledge of printing is derived from his experience as a publisher of books, and from twenty-five years' experience as the principal of a very large factory in Montreal. In that factory every kind of printed matter was made up—editions of printed works, pamphlets and forms of all kinds, as well as every kind of blank books. He is not a practical printer in the sense of having been a compositor or an apprentice to the trade.

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

Mr. BERGERON (by Mr. Taylor) asked,

1. Has a document concerning the Manitoba schools been presented to His Holiness the Pope, or to the Sacred Propaganda, signed Wilfrid Laurier?

2. If so, could such document be put before Parliament, and will the Government bring it down?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I am not

aware that any such document has been presented to His Holiness the Pope.

MR. A. H. HARRIS AND THE INTER-COLONIAL.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER asked,

1. What is the position of Mr. A. H. Harris on the Intercolonial Railway system?
2. Is he independent of the general manager?
3. What are his instructions?
4. May he fix rates without first obtaining the sanction of the Minister of Railways and Canals thereto?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are as follows:—

1. Mr. A. H. Harris's position on the Canadian Government railway system is General Traffic Manager.
2. No, he is not independent of the general manager.
3. To devote his attention to the traffic generally in consultation with, and under the direction of the general manager.
4. Yes.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Mr. COPP asked,

Who is the Deputy Minister of Justice? When and by whom appointed? What salary did he receive for the years 1895, 1896 and 1897? Has he received any additional salary or remuneration since 23rd June, 1896? If so, how much, and for what services?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL (Mr. Fitzpatrick). The Deputy Minister of Justice is Mr. Edmund Leslie Newcombe, Q.C., appointed Deputy Minister by Order in Council, 13th March, 1893. His annual salary is \$4,000. He has received no additional salary or remuneration since June 23rd, 1896.

NEUFRAGE POND, P.E.I.

Mr. MACDONALD (King's) asked,

Has the Government or Minister of Public Works received a petition from the inhabitants of Neufrage, Prince Edward Island, asking that a survey be made at an early day of Neufrage Pond, with a view of having a harbour opened there? Is it the intention of the Government to grant the request of said petition, if received?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies). I received a petition within the last three days of the nature referred to in the question asked by the hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonald, King's); and, as it related to a matter in the Public Works Department, I referred it to my hon. colleague, Mr. Tarte, with the request that he should have the facts examined into and, if possible, brought before Council.

MR. JUSTICE WEATHERBE.

Mr. ROCHE asked,

1. Is Mr. Justice Weatherbe, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, absent from that province