

Machinery was erected, and these goods manufactured at the Dorchester Penitentiary. Representations have recently been made that the production of those goods at Dorchester interferes with Canadian manufacturers, and the propriety of continuing the production is under consideration.

ASPY BAY AFFAIR.

Mr. MITCHELL asked, Whether the Government have in their possession any report or reports from any officer of the Marine and Fisheries Department in reference to the Aspy Bay affair, and if so, whether they will lay them before the House?

Mr. FOSTER. The Government have not in their possession any such report or reports.

CARRYING FIRE-ARMS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mr. BLAKE asked, Whether Mr. Dewdney has been authorised to notify the North-West Indians that there is a law for both whites and Indians, prohibiting them from carrying fire-arms in settled districts; and that as the Government intends to send a large number of soldiers and police into the country, it will be necessary for any Indian who wishes to hunt off his reserves to get permission of his agent to carry fire-arms; and that if found off his reserves with fire-arms, without the permission of his agent, he will be liable to arrest.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. No authority has been given in the terms of this question. However, Mr. Dewdney has been called upon to make a report as to what action he has taken in this connection, and his report will be communicated to the House as soon as received.

RIDEAU RIVER FLOODS.

Mr. MACKINTOSH asked, Is it the intention of the Government to institute an enquiry into the causes of the floods from the Rideau River, in the vicinity of the city of Ottawa?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. A complaint or representation has been made to my Department on this subject, and my intention is to have the matter looked into.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—NET FISHING.

Mr. COOK asked, Is it true that the Government have refused to allow the settlers of Muskoka District to take fish in nets in the waters of Lakes Muskoka, Rousseau and Joseph?

Mr. FOSTER. It is not true.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY TARIFFS.

Mr. BLAKE asked, Have any alterations taken place in the authorised tariffs of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and if so, will the papers be laid on the Table? What is the passenger rate at present authorised between Winnipeg and Emerson?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. In the absence of the Minister of Railways, I have to say that no alterations have taken place in the authorised tariffs of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The passenger rate at present authorised between Winnipeg and Emerson is, I believe, 3½ cents per mile.

CONSOLIDATED FUND.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, What amounts were expended and received on account of Consolidated Fund during the month of April last, giving sums received on account of Customs and Excise and other items, as usually stated in the *Gazette*.

Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. McLELLAN:

Receipts from Customs in April.....	\$ 1,393,627 00
Excise	157,088 00
Post Office	210,393 00
Public Works, including	
Railways.....	247,025 00
Miscellaneous ..	134,189 78
Total.....	\$ 2,142,322 78
Revenue to 31st March.....	25,165,252 23
Total	\$ 27,307,575 00

The last item is hardly embraced in the question, but it is usual to give it.

Expenditure in April.....	\$ 2,647,842 54
to 31st March	26,202,606 59
Total	\$ 28,850,249 13

THE FLOATING DEBT.

Mr. JACKSON asked, What was the floating debt of the Dominion Government on 1st May, 1886?

Mr. McLELLAN. \$14,263,625.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. CHARLTON asked, 1st, the amount of the gross public debt of Canada on 1st May, 1886; 2nd, the amount of the net public debt of Canada on 1st May, 1886?

Mr. McLELLAN. Gross, \$281,433,629; net, \$205,569,263.

FISHING FEES.

Mr. CAMERON (Middlesex) asked, What is the license fee charged to fishermen engaged in fishing in the waters extending from Point Edward to Lake Erie? Was such fee charged during the present year? If so, when? What was the former license fee? and what is the present? Was the license fee increased from \$40 to \$50, and again reduced from \$50 to \$25 per one pound net this year? If so, when were these several changes made?

Mr. FOSTER. The license fee charged to fishermen engaged in fishing in the waters extending from Point Edward to Lake Erie is \$10 for seines and \$50 for pound nets. Such fee was charged during the present year. The fee is charged generally at the issue or about the issue of the license. The former license fees were respectively \$10 for seines and \$40 for pound nets. The license fee last year was \$40 for pound nets and \$10 for seines, and it was increased to \$50 for pound nets. There has been no reduction from \$50 to \$25.

I. G. BAKER & CO.'S CONTRACT.

Mr. SOMERVILLE (Brant), for Mr. McCRAVEY, asked, Have the Government given, or do they intend giving any more contracts to I. G. Baker & Co., after the revelations in this House on the supply of flour by that firm?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I object to the form of this question, for it is much more than a question. If the question is reduced in its proportions, so as to be merely a question, I shall answer it.

Mr. SPEAKER. Yes, there is a matter of argument there. Strike out from "after the revelations."

Mr. SOMERVILLE (Brant). I beg to ask, Have the Government given, or do they intend giving any more contracts to I. G. Baker & Co.?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Government have given a contract for the ensuing year, commencing 1st September, for a portion of the beef to be supplied, to I. G. Baker & Co., they putting in the lowest tender and giving ample security.