

sent of the Government, to act as brokers in the custom-house where they are collectors ?

Mr. WALLACE. They are not, either with the knowledge or consent of the Government, except along the boundary in Manitoba and the North-west Territories, at which points they are specially instructed to assist the settler in making settlers' effects entries, but no charge of any description is allowed.

#### ISLAND OF ANTICOSTI.

Mr. FAUVEL asked, To which electoral district of the province of Quebec is the island of Anticosti attached ? Has the list of voters been revised there at the last revision ?

Mr. MONTAGUE. The island of Anticosti is attached to the electoral district of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, and the lists have been revised during the present year.

#### MILITARY SCHOOL—SEWAGE.

Mr. MILLS (Rothwell) asked, Do the Government propose to take immediate steps to prevent the discharge of sewage from the military school, in the city of London, into a small creek known as Carling's Creek ?

Mr. DICKEY. The Department of Militia and Defence has been inquiring into the effect of the discharge of the sewage in question, but is not yet in possession of sufficient information to deal finally with the matter.

#### SUPERVISOR OF CULLERS, QUEBEC.

Mr. McMULLEN asked, Is James Patton, the present supervisor of cullers at Quebec, the person the Government intend to appoint as chief inspector of cullers ? If not, whom ? What is the age of the said James Patton ? Is the said James Patton a practical culler of timber, deals and staves, and is he capable and competent to cull timber, deals and staves ? Has the said James Patton passed his examination for culler ? If so, on what date, and has he taken out his commission, and on what date, and has he taken his oath of office as a culler ? Did the said James Patton ever perform the duties of a culler ? If so, when and where ?

Mr. WOOD (Brockville). Mr. Patton is the person whom it was intended to appoint as chief inspector of timber ; should the Bill now before the House become law. 2. Mr. Patton's age is sixty-five. He is a practical culler, and has a very thorough knowledge of all classes of lumber. 3. Mr. Patton passed his examination as a culler in 1844, before the Board of Examiners, constituted under the Cullers' Act. 4. The department is not aware of any commission having been issued to Mr. Patton, but his

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examination is recorded in the Minute Book of the Board of Examiners. 5. He took the oath as supervisor of cullers, as required by the Act. 6. Yes, for upwards of thirty years—so the department is informed—in Quebec.

#### ASSISTANT RECEIVER GENERAL, ST. JOHN, N.B.

Mr. McMULLEN asked, Who has been appointed Assistant Receiver General at St. John, N.B. ? When was he appointed ? What is his salary ? What length of service had he in the Civil Service before his appointment ? What salary was the late Assistant Receiver General drawing at the time of his superannuation ? How many years was he in the Civil Service before he reached the salary paid him as Assistant Receiver ? What is the salary of the present incumbent ? Is the present Assistant Receiver General a relative of the Finance Minister ? What is his relationship ? What is his age ? Is it customary to put these officers at the maximum salary after a few months' service ? What amount of superannuation allowance is to be annually paid the recent Assistant Receiver General ?

Mr. FOSTER. The person who has been appointed Assistant Receiver General at St. John, N.B., is Mr. H. Douglas McLeod. He was appointed on the 1st of February, 1893. His salary is \$2,200. He was eight months in the service before his appointment as Assistant Receiver General. The salary of the late Assistant Receiver General at the time of his superannuation was \$2,200. He was twenty-five years in the service, before the salary paid him as Assistant Receiver General was \$2,200. The age of the present incumbent of the office is fifty-six years. In answer to the question : " Is it customary to put these officers at the maximum salary after a few months' service ? " that depends upon circumstances. As a rule it is not. The superannuation allowance of the recent Assistant Receiver General is \$1,540.

Mr. McMULLEN. The hon. Finance Minister overlooked my question with regard to the relationship.

Mr. FOSTER. I did overlook that, yes. I am not yet certain that my relationships are so important, that the fact that such and such a person is a relation of mine or not, is worthy being recorded in " Hansard."

#### PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

Mr. McMULLEN asked, Is S. J. Jenkins, who is drawing a salary of \$1,400 a year, the Jenkins who also is drawing \$600 as private secretary to the Minister of Finance ? Is the said Jenkins related to the Minister of Finance by marriage or otherwise ? If so, what is the relationship ?