

4. Amount paid to United States for sea conveyance of Canadian mails sent to Great Britain during the year ended December 31, 1903, \$24,892. 97.

5. As nothing was carried, as stated in answer No. 2, no payment has been made.

MR. P. V. SAVARD.

Mr. CASGRAIN—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Has Mr. P. V. Savard, advocate, formerly a member of this House, and now of the town of Montmagny, been employed during the course of the year 1903 by the Dominion government ?

2. If so, what employment did he have ?

3. If he received a salary, what was it, and how much did he receive ?

4. Did he present an account for travelling expenses or other expenses connected with his position ?

5. If so, what amount does he claim, and what amount did he receive ?

Hon. CHAS. HYMAN :

1. Yes.

2. He was employed to investigate how the local government of Quebec acquired the Mingan Seigniory, and what title to the property existed in the province prior to its conveyance to the Labrador Company.

3. \$5 per day during such time as he was actively engaged in the work. He received \$810.

4. Yes.

5. \$757.10.

BOILER INSPECTION OF THE 'ABERDEEN'

Mr. CASGRAIN—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Have the boilers of the steamer 'Aberdeen,' a government vessel, been duly examined and inspected this year ?

2. Is it not true that these boilers were found not to be in good condition ?

3. If such be the case, is it the government's intention to substitute new boilers for the boilers in question ?

Hon. CHAS. HYMAN :

1. Yes.

2. Reported in fairly good and safe condition for this year.

3. The government steamboat inspector recommends new boilers next year.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY LOCATIONS WEST OF WINNIPEG.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE asked :

1. Has the location of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway west of Winnipeg, through the province of Manitoba, been definitely decided upon ?

2. If so, what is the location ?

3. Can the government say if it will run north or south of the Canadian Northern Railway ?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals) :

1. The surveys being made west of Winnipeg are being made under the direction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The lines surveyed have not yet been approved by the government and until final

approval has been given a positive statement as to location cannot be given.

CHINESE LABOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. MONK—by Mr. Taylor—asked :

1. Was the government of Canada asked to join in a representation or protest to the imperial government against the employment of Chinese labour in British South Africa ?

2. If so, what was the answer made by the Canadian government ?

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). Mr. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, asked Canada to join in a representation of protest to the imperial government against the employment of Chinese labour in British South Africa. The answer of the Canadian government was that in our opinion any interference in that matter would not be advisable.

LOANS TO GOVERNMENT

Mr. KEMP asked :

1. What is the total amount of money, if any, advanced to the government by loans or overdrafts by Canadian banks ?

2. What is the period for which such amounts are loaned ?

3. What are the rates of interest charged thereon ?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). No money is due by the government to banks in Canada for loans or overdrafts. Our temporary loans are in the form of two issues of treasury bills which have been placed in London. One of these, for £500,000, was placed on October 1st, 1903, at a time when the state of the market was one of exceptional stringency. This loan was for six months, and the rate of interest was fixed at 4½ per cent. The second issue is for £800,000, and was placed January 1st, 1904, for four months. The rate of interest was 3½ per cent. These loans were placed through the government's financial agents in London, the Bank of Montreal.

TRENT VALLEY CANAL SURVEYS.

Mr. WARD—by Mr. Bain—asked :

1. What instructions were given to Mr. R. B. Rogers, C.E., which led to his report of 31st January, 1903, upon the proposed route of the Trent Valley Canal between Rice Lake and Port Hope ?

2. By whom were these instructions given ?

3. What instructions were given to Mr. McLeod, C.E., as to reporting upon the southern outlet of the Trent Valley Canal ?

4. By whom were these instructions given ?

Hon. H. R. EMMERSON (Minister of Railways and Canals) :

1. Mr. Rogers was instructed to make a barometrical survey of the route from Rice Lake to Port Hope, taking barometrical observations and elevations, and particularly to look into the question of the supply of water