

(c) What conditions or terms, if any, of these leases respectively have not been complied with?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Hon. Clifford Sifton). Mr. Speaker, I will have to ask the hon. gentleman (Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper) to move for a return for the information he is asking for. I cannot satisfactorily or intelligently give it in answer to a question.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT., WATER SUPPLY.

Mr. LANCASTER asked :

1. Was the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, correctly reported in the Evening Journal newspaper of the city of St. Catharines of Tuesday, the 6th day of November last, in reporting his speech delivered at the said city on the day previous in regard to the application of the said city for a supply of water from the old Welland Canal, in the following words :—

'A matter of great interest to you in regard to a water supply was brought to my personal notice some eight or ten days ago, and so busy have we been that the government has not had time or the opportunity to settle the matter, but, my friends, after the election, I will take the matter in hand, and I promise that you shall have justice done to you.'

2. What has been done since the said elections in regard to the matter therein referred to?

3. Does the government intend to grant the said application, and if so, when?

The PRIME MINISTER (Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier). Mr. Speaker, I cannot inform the hon. gentleman (Mr. Lancaster) if the report distributed of my speech on that occasion is accurate or not. I presume, however, it is substantially correct. The question to which it refers is now undergoing the consideration of the government.

LAKE ERIE AND DETROIT RIVER RAILWAY SUBSIDY.

Mr. ROBINSON (West Elgin) asked :

1. Did the government either give or promise to give the sum of \$3,200 per mile to the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway extension, and if so, why?

2. Is the government aware of the fact that the said Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway extension runs parallel with and very near to the Michigan Central Railway for about three-fourths of its length?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Hon. A. G. Blair) :

1. Yes ; the government not only promised to give the subsidy, but has entered into a contract with the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company for the payment of a subsidy to them on completion of the line in accordance therewith.

2. Yes ; the government is aware of the fact that, for a limited number of miles, the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway extension does run parallel, or very nearly, to the Michigan Central Railway. This fact was made the subject of discussion in parliament at the time the subsidy proposal

was being passed upon. The government, in the Bill providing for this subsidy, reserved the question of the grant for determination, after inquiry, by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, as to whether adequate and efficient running powers should be arranged for by the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway over the Michigan Central line. An objection was taken in parliament by gentlemen in opposition to such qualifying clause being introduced, and it was insisted that the grant should be made without any qualification whatever. This view was pressed strongly, and a motion in amendment was made to strike out the qualifying clause ; it was lost on a division. The Railway Committee of the Privy Council subsequently heard evidence upon the whole question, examined into it carefully, and came to the conclusion that satisfactory arrangements could not be made over the Michigan Central Railway for the running of the Lake Erie and Detroit River trains.

HON. CHARLES BURPEE.

Mr. WILMOT (by Mr. Fowler) asked :

1. What is the date of Hon. Charles Burpee's appointment to the Senate?

2. Is he now a member of that body? If not, why, and when did he resign?

3. In the event of his resignation, was he given a position of emolument under government? If so, what were the duties of the office and the amount of remuneration?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Hon. Sydney A. Fisher). Hon. Charles Burpee was appointed senator on February 1, 1900. He resigned on July 19, 1900. He was appointed one of the Paris exhibition commissioners on August 9, 1900. He did not go to Paris. His salary was the same as that of the other commissioners, being at the rate of \$2,500 per year, with an allowance of \$3.50 a day while in Canada and absent from his residence, and actual transportation expenses.

POSTMASTER AT BRANDON, MAN.

Mr. BOYD asked :

1. Is Mr. James Kavanagh now postmaster at Brandon, Man.? If not, did he resign or was he dismissed?

2. How many years did Mr. Kavanagh act as postmaster at Brandon?

3. Was an investigation held by the post office authorities prior to his removal?

4. Who is now postmaster at Brandon, and what is the date of his appointment?

The MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR (Hon. Clifford Sifton). In the absence of the Postmaster General (Hon. Mr. Mulock), I beg to say :

1. Mr. J. C. Kavanagh is not now postmaster of Brandon, Manitoba. He has