

Mr. TUPPER. No permits were given to the Long Point Company. In 1886 the Minister of the day granted the members of the Pelee Island Club permission to angle for bass for a period of 20 days during the close season, with the provision that no fish were to be caught for sale and that all female fish were to be returned to the waters alive.

#### MONTCALM POST OFFICES.

Mr. THÉRIEN asked, Whether the Government have received reports respecting the opening of two post offices in the northern part of the county of Montcalm?

Mr. HAGGART. Two applications for post offices in Montcalm have been received. One at St. Marie de Salomé has been granted, and the office was opened for work on the 1st instant. The other at Ste. Famille was also granted, but has not been opened, owing to a difficulty about the site, which is expected shortly to be settled.

#### SAWDUST IN RIVERS.

Mr. THÉRIEN asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint officers to look after the sawmill owners, and prevent their throwing sawdust into the rivers.

Mr. TUPPER. It is not the intention of the Government to appoint any further officers to look after the sawmill owners and prevent their throwing sawdust into the rivers. The ordinary fishery officers are expected to do that.

#### ORANGE INCORPORATION.

Mr. CHARLTON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Orange Order?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. This would be a private Bill, and it is not the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill, and I am afraid, therefore, that my hon. friend (Mr Charlton) will thus be deprived of the opportunity of voting against the Bill as he did twice before.

Mr. CHARLTON. The First Minister has stepped outside of the usual course by going beyond an answer to my question. I may say that though I voted in that way before, I might not vote so again.

#### TORONTO SCHOOL OF INFANTRY.

Mr. MITCHELL (for Mr. McMULLEN) asked, Were tenders asked for bread supply for "C" School of Infantry, Toronto, last fall; how many tenders were received; the name and amount of each tender; the name of the successful tenderer, and the price and the term the contract is for?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. On the 5th December, 1888, tenders were invited for this service. Four tenders were received: William Carlyle, of Toronto, at  $2\frac{2}{3}$  cts. per lb.; Thomas Adams, of Toronto, at 3 cts. per lb.; Johnstone Little, of Toronto, at 3 cts. per lb.; and W. H. Knowlton, of Toronto, at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cts. per lb. The contract was given to William Carlyle, at  $2\frac{2}{3}$  cts. per lb., for the term of one year, commencing 1st January, 1889, he being the lowest tenderer.

#### REGINA BARRACKS CANTEEN.

Mr. DAVIN asked, Is the right honorable the Prime Minister, in whose departmental charge is the North-West Mounted Police Force, and who, speaking in the House of Commons on the 15th February, 1889, said, respecting the canteen at Regina barracks as managed by a civilian from Winnipeg: "I have made up my mind, on the whole, that the game is not worth the candle; we shall close that ar—"  
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rangement with the present caterer, giving him the notice we are allowed to give under those regulations, and allow the men to manage their own affairs by a committee of Sergeants, and buy their supplies, so as to avoid any appearance of unfairness toward the trade," aware whether any steps have been taken to carry out his orders, and that Commissioner Herchmer has canvassed his sergeants to petition for the continuance of the canteen as managed by Mr. Buchanan, thus antagonising the declared policy of the Prime Minister made to this House?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. In answer to this question which contains some statements of fact, which are rather contrary to the Rules of the House, I may say that formal notice to vacate the canteen on the 15th May next was given to Mr. Buchanan some time ago. I am not aware that Commissioner Herchmer has canvassed his sergeants to petition for the continuance of the canteen as managed by Mr. Buchanan. I have Commissioner Herchmer's positive assurance that he has not done so. The commissioner has recently forwarded to the department certain representations which have been made by the non-commissioned officers and constables with regard to the canteen, but I have not yet been able to give the matter consideration.

#### BRESAYLOR HALF-BREEDS.

Mr. WATSON asked, Whether the Government have yet received any report upon the subject of the claims of the Bresaylor Half-breeds for the value of their furs alleged to have been wrongfully appropriated at Battleford? If not yet received, is it expected that it will be received during this Session?

Mr. DEWDNEY. Yes, reports have been received.

Mr. LAURIER. Will they be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. DEWDNEY. If they are asked for.

Mr. LAURIER. Then they cannot be obtained this Session?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That is not our fault.

#### IMPORTATION OF FISH IN BOND.

Gen. LAURIE moved for:

Copies of all correspondence with the Customs Department, instructions issued to, and reports received from, inspectors and collectors of Customs in reference to the importation of fish in bond for the purpose of subsequent exportation, together with copies of any regulations bearing on this subject framed and issued under the authority of the Customs Act.

He said: I regret that I must detain the House a little, because there are matters connected with this motion which are of considerable interest to a large number of people in the Maritime Provinces, and especially in the Province of Nova Scotia. It is necessary that I should go a little into what are apparently side issues. Under recent arrangements, the French Government have given a very large bounty on fish sold outside of the French dominions. They have done this, for the purpose of stimulating an industry which would increase the maritime population of France, and would enable them to command a larger navy than they have at present. For this purpose, they have given as much as \$1.80, or about 10 francs, on each quintal of fish sold outside of France, or the French colonies. This has created a great deal of feeling, not only among the fishermen in the Lower Provinces, but also in Newfoundland, where they are exceedingly troubled on this point. A Newfoundland correspondent, writing to the Harbor Grace *Standard* from Leghorn, says:

"Every steamer from Marseilles brings 400 to 600 bales of Bank fish of excellent quality, which is retailing at 16s and 17s., and, as you may easily imagine, our English cure—"